

Meteorologists' Mini Super Bowl

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Sometimes it's not the size of the storm, it's where it hits. As Hurricane Sandy raged through one of the country's most densely populated regions, it created a surge in online traffic Monday as people sought weather-related news and various forms of online entertainment.

One of the biggest beneficiaries of the brisk online traffic was The Weather Channel, which began streaming its television feed live on YouTube and on its own website late Sunday night. On Monday, the channel expected to serve up its highest number of



A red hurricane symbol for Hurricane Sandy at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. Sandy has created a surge in online traffic Monday as people sought weather-related news and various forms of online entertainment.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

page views in a single day since a blizzard blanketed the northeastern U.S. and Canada with snow on Feb. 1 2011.

"It's like our mini Super Bowl," said Curt Hecht, the chief global revenue officer for channel owner The Weather Co.

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Direct Hit



Storm watcher Sandy O'Connor, left, waits for waves to crash over her at Hampton Beach in Hampton, N.H., Oct. 29, 2012. The land-fall of Superstorm Sandy, a storm that weather historians say is on a scale with little precedent along the East Coast, is expected to paralyze life for millions of people.

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ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey

(AP) — Superstorm Sandy slammed into the New Jersey coastline and hurled a record-breaking 13-foot (4-meter) surge of seawater at New York City on Monday, roaring ashore after washing away part of the Atlantic City boardwalk and putting the presidential campaign on hold.

Just before its center reached land, the storm was stripped of hurricane status, but the distinction was purely technical, based on its shape and internal temperature. It still packed hurricane-force wind, and forecasters were careful to say it remained every bit as dangerous to the 50 million people in its path.

The National Hurricane Center announced at 8 p.m. that Sandy had come ashore near Atlantic City. The sea surged a record of

nearly 13 feet (4 meters) at the foot of Manhattan.

In an attempt to lessen damage from the storm, New York City's main utility cut power to about 6,500

customers in lower Manhattan. Authorities worried that seawater would seep into the New York subway and cripple it, along with the electrical and commu-

nications systems that are vital to the nation's financial center.

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Lower Manhattan goes dark during hurricane Sandy, on Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, as seen from Brooklyn, N.Y. Sandy continued on its path Monday, as the storm forced the shutdown of mass transit, schools and financial markets, sending coastal residents fleeing, and threatening a dangerous mix of high winds and soaking rain.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Superstorm Sandy slams into Atlantic coast

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As it closed in, Sandy knocked out electricity to more than 1.5 million people and figured to upend life for tens of millions more. It smacked the boarded-up big cities of the Northeast corridor, from Washington and Baltimore to Philadelphia, New York and Boston, with stinging rain and gusts of more than 85 mph (135 kph).

As it made its way toward land, it converged with a cold-weather system that turned into a fearsome superstorm, a monstrous hybrid consisting not only of rain and high wind but of snow. Forecasters warned of 20-foot (6-meter) waves bashing into the Chicago lakefront and up to 3 feet (0.9 meters) of snow in West Virginia.

Hundreds of thousands of people were under orders

to move to higher ground. The storm knocked out electricity to more than 1 million people, and storm damage was projected at \$10 billion to \$20 billion, meaning it could prove to be one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history. President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney suspended their campaigning with just over a week to go before Election Day.

At the White House, Obama made a direct appeal to those in harm's way: "Please listen to what your state and local officials are saying. When they tell you to evacuate, you need to evacuate. Don't delay, don't pause, don't question the instructions that are being given, because this is a powerful storm."

The storm washed away a section of the Atlantic City Boardwalk in New Jersey. Water was splashing over



Michael Wirtz, of Wilmington, Del., braves flood waters and high winds that arrive with Superstorm Sandy along North Michigan Avenue in Atlantic City, N.J., Monday Oct. 29, 2012. Hurricane Sandy continued on its path Monday, forcing the shutdown of mass transit, schools and financial markets, sending coastal residents fleeing for higher ground, and threatening a dangerous mix of high winds and soaking rain.

(AP Photo/The Press of Atlantic City, Michael Ein)

the seawalls at the southern tip of Manhattan.

New York City authorities worried that salt water would seep through the

boarded-up street grates and through the sandbags placed at subway entrances, crippling the electrical connections needed to

operate the subway.

Authorities also feared the surge of seawater could damage the underground electrical and communications lines in lower Manhattan that are vital to the nation's financial center.

A construction crane atop a luxury high-rise in midtown Manhattan collapsed in high winds and dangled precariously.

Residents in surrounding buildings were ordered to move to lower floors and the streets below were cleared, but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

The facade of a four-story Manhattan building in the Chelsea neighborhood crumbled and collapsed suddenly, leaving the lights, couches, cabinets and desks inside visible from the street. No one was hurt, although some of the falling debris hit a car.

In the New York borough of Queens, police said a man was killed when a tree fell on his home — the first confirmed storm-related death in New York City.

The major American stock exchanges closed for the day, the first unplanned shutdown since the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. Wall Street expected to remain closed on Tuesday. The United Nations canceled all meetings at its New York headquarters. □

Media, advertisers ready for audience surge

"As a company, everybody really pulls together. There are three or four or five days when nobody's sleeping, when we need to be at our best."

Free online access to the live feed of The Weather Channel is unusual but not unheard of. The channel is usually restricted to the televisions of pay TV subscribers, but exceptions are made in disaster situations. It is the first time the channel has partnered with YouTube on a live feed.

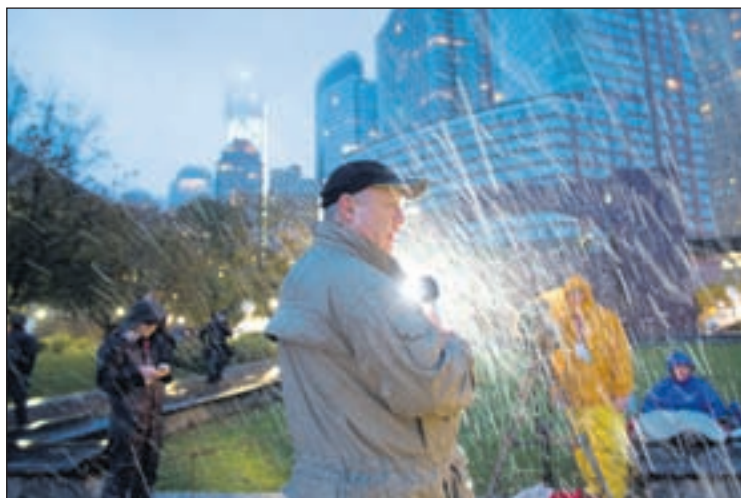
With an increase in audience comes a surge in advertising revenue. Regular TV commercials were not played in the online Weather Channel stream, but insurer State Farm sponsored a banner ad that ran along the bottom of the screen over a weather map shown during commercial breaks. Companies like insurer The Travelers Companies Inc. and The Procter & Gamble Co.'s Duracell are sponsoring the Weather Channel service that lets people know which of their Facebook friends lie in the

storm's path.

With ads already running on The Weather Channel, Duracell is planning to send out trucks to give away

stock up now or wait until it's calmer and stores are open for batteries needed for flashlights and radios.

Other companies like



A news reporter stands in heavy rain as he waits to report live from Battery Park, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, in New York.

(AP Photo/ John Minchillo)

free batteries in the storm's aftermath. They will also let people charge their cell-phones and mobile devices for free.

"The panic starts when people don't prepare," said Duracell's associate director of global communications, Win Sakdinan. He recommended that people in the storm's path

home improvement retailers and generator makers bought bulk airtime on The Weather Channel months ago in preparation for major weather events. Advertisers that have nothing to do with severe weather were also looking to buy commercial spots as people begin to turn away from regular programming

to pay attention to storm-related news.

Online access to news sites began spiking over the weekend.

The Weather Channel's Weather.com had 105.4 million page views on Sunday, its fifth biggest day ever, and was on track to beat the 140.9 million page views from Feb. 1, 2011, on Monday.

CNN.com had 55.3 million page views as of 2 p.m. Eastern time, up 132 percent from the previous four Mondays.

Newspapers such as The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Baltimore Sun lifted restrictions on their websites Monday so they were available to people who don't pay for access.

"It's a public service, we're concerned about disseminating critical information," said Times spokeswoman Eileen Murphy.

The Journal's WSJ.com website, which already offered free access to stories about Hurricane Sandy, lifted all barriers to online access at midnight Eastern time on Sunday. □

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Home retailers prepare for after the deluge

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For retailers that sell home repair items and emergency supplies, a storm like Hurricane Sandy represents a logistical puzzle and a big sales opportunity. Few retailers have in place plans as firm as these retailers do for when a storm hits. Like its competitors – Wal-Mart and Lowe's – Home Depot's corporate eye was squarely on Hurricane Sandy a week ago, when the company's supply-chain managers and merchants began preparing for the advancing storm by moving high-demand goods like generators from stores outside the storm's path – California and Texas – to stores and distribution centers in its path.

The search also began for more vendors that could supply goods that would be heavily in demand, like plywood and bleach, by storm-struck customers from the Carolinas to Maine.

"We're attempting to find goods anywhere and everywhere and move them toward New York and New Jersey.

We're making phone calls, and finding anything we can get our hands on to get them to people in the area," said Doug Spiron, the company's emergency response captain.

While meeting the needs of customers is a strong motivator, there is no denying that there is money to be made in a catastrophic

storm's advance and aftermath.

Late fall is generally quiet for home supply retailers, but bad weather can increase sales.

Last year, for instance, Home Depot's revenue jumped as a result of preparation and response to Hurricane Irene.

Several analysts said that both Lowe's and Home Depot received a financial boost from Hurricane Irene. Some 441 Home Depot locations from North Carolina to Bangor, Maine, are expected to be in areas that will sustain storm-force winds, Spiron said. And those stores need to be ready for the onslaught of customers whose numbers are bound to rise.

As of 5 p.m. Monday, 55 of Home Depot's 2,200 stores – those directly in the storm's path – were closed. The company expected to reopen them as soon as possible. "As we close, those days are going to be tough – that's a big hole when you're not ringing cash registers," Spiron said. Once the storm passes, though, "there's a lot of business being done.

It's a big deal in terms of the amount of goods we're going to move through." Wal-Mart Stores, the nation's largest retailer, has been operating disaster distribution centers since 2001 that are always stocked with basics like water, propane and ready-to-eat meals, the company said.

As a specific disaster ap-

proaches, Wal-Mart moves in other supplies, like mosquito repellent for a Gulf Coast incident, said Diana Gee, a spokeswoman. Starting last Tuesday, Wal-

Mart moved Hurricane Sandy-related supplies like blankets, shovels and generators to its 10 disaster distribution centers, Gee said. A spokeswoman for Lowe's,

Stacey C. Lentz, said the company sent more than 400 truckloads of generators and water to stores in the last four days, and more than 200 truckloads of emergency supplies to regional distribution centers. Four distribution centers near the storm's path were still taking deliveries Monday.

Lentz said that products needed for storm preparation, like water, extension cords and utility pumps, were selling well in the Northeast, as were snow-related products like ice melt and snow shovels.

As soon as the worst of the hurricane passes, Lowe's and Home Depot are poised to send employees from stores outside the storm zone to help out in those inside it. □



Debbie Erwin, center, a Home Depot employee, and others at the Home Depot hurricane command center in preparation of Hurricane Sandy in Atlanta, Oct. 29, 2012. Having lost sales because of closings during the hurricane, major retailers are working on preparations to increase revenue with needed after-storm supplies.

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Sandy upends home stretch of presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hurricane Sandy forced President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney to curtail campaign activities Monday in critical battleground states, unexpectedly disrupting their carefully mapped out strategies for the final week of one of the closest presidential contests in recent history.

In the waning days of his re-election bid, Obama scrapped two days of campaigning and retreated from the trail. He hunkered down at the White House to oversee the government's response to the East Coast superstorm — and to project presidential leadership.

"The election will take care of itself next week," Obama said, speaking to reporters at the White House after hastily flying back to Washington from Florida, where he ended up scrapping an appearance at a rally in Orlando with former President Bill Clinton.

Obama aides insisted it was not only the right decision, but also an easy one. Even with Obama locked in a tight race with Romney, the president would have risked appearing to put politics over the public's safety had he pressed on with his plans to campaign with Clinton in Florida and Ohio. And that could have been enough to turn off some still-persuadable voters at a critical juncture in the campaign.

Now Obama has the opportunity — and the responsibility — to show the type of command in a crisis that only the president can offer. While Romney can make symbolic gestures, like canceling most of his own campaign events Monday and Tuesday, he doesn't have the power to provide tangible assistance.

But as president, Obama oversees the federal government's preparations for the superstorm, and could bear the responsibility for any missteps in the govern-

ment response. Obama advisers say they've learned the lessons from President George W. Bush's widely criticized response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Bush was seen as ineffective and out of touch, and his presidency never recovered.

Obama used both his words and his actions to sharpen the contrast between a candidate running for president and a

to happen here," he said. Romney went ahead with part of his campaign schedule Monday, but he canceled an evening event in Wisconsin and stops in Ohio and Iowa. The former Massachusetts governor blended his appeal for political support with one for his backers to make a donation to the Red Cross or other relief agencies "in any way you can imagine to help those

But the election will be won or lost in the nine most competitive states that are not reliably Republican or Democratic. Republicans claimed momentum in these states, but the president's high command projected confidence. And Romney's increasingly narrow focus on Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio suggested he still searched for a breakthrough in the Midwest to deny Obama the 270 elec-



After canceling his appearance at a morning campaign rally in Orlando, Fla., President Barack Obama walks into the White House in a driving rain after returning to Washington to monitor preparations for early response to Hurricane Sandy, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

candidate who already is president.

After returning to the White House on Monday morning, Obama walked through the rain straight into the Oval Office. He convened a meeting with top government officials in the Situation Room. And later, standing behind a podium bearing the presidential seal, he appealed to politically divided Americans to put their differences aside during the storm.

"We look out for our friends, we look out for our neighbors and we set aside whatever issues we may have otherwise to make sure that we respond appropriately and with swiftness and that's exactly what I anticipate is going

in harm's way."

"Do your very best to help," he implored as his aides spread the word he would cancel an evening appearance in Wisconsin and a full day of campaigning Tuesday because of the storm. Aides said the Republican might visit with storm victims later in the week, much as he did when Hurricane Isaac raked the Gulf Coast during the week of the Republican National Convention.

With the race in its final full week, most national polls showed the two presidential rivals separated by a statistically insignificant point or two, although some said Romney had a narrow lead for the overall popular vote.

toral votes needed for victory. The U.S. president is not chosen by the nationwide popular vote, but in state-by-state contests that allocate electoral votes. Each state gets one electoral vote for each of its seats in the House of Representatives, as determined by population, and two electoral votes for each of its two senators. That means there are 538 electoral votes, including three for Washington, D.C. The winning candidate must have 50 percent, plus one, or 270 votes.

Obama is ahead in states and Washington, D.C., representing 237 electoral votes; Romney has a comfortable lead in states with 191 electoral votes. □

FEMA's Chance to show growth

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WASHINGTON — As Hurricane Sandy approached landfall Monday, Federal Emergency Management Agency officials here were struggling with the question of how to deploy resources in the face of a powerful storm that was bearing down on a string of the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

The officials said they focused many of their resources on southern New Jersey, where they had hundreds of thousands of ready-to-eat meals and bottles of water and more than 1,000 staff members prepared to respond.

In Lakehurst, N.J., in the center of the state, in collaboration with the Defense Department, the agency had created an "incident support base," where it had stockpiled blankets, cots, diapers, bassinets and generators, along with the meals and water. A similar center was set up at a military base in Chicopee, Mass., near Springfield.

Other federal departments, like Health and Human Services, stood by ready to help evacuate nursing homes and hospitals. The department also sent a 50-person medical assistance team to New Jersey to provide backup if local hospitals were overwhelmed. And the American Red Cross had hundreds of disaster workers, who set up emergency shelters.

FEMA, with the authorization of President Barack Obama, had as of Monday afternoon declared a disaster in eight states and the District of Columbia, allowing them to begin to request emergency assistance or know they would receive at least some federal money, even before the worst of the storm hit.

Craig Fugate, the FEMA administrator, said the real challenge was waiting to see where the storm hit the hardest and which communities needed help. □



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Boy faces murder charge in neo-Nazi dad's death

RIVERSIDE, California (AP)

— Just 10 when he was arrested for killing his neo-Nazi father, the small, blonde child told police he pulled the gun from a low-lying closet shelf and aimed it at the man's ear while he slept in the family's California home.

Now, the boy is standing trial for murdering 32-year-old Jeff Hall in a rare case that, if he's held responsible for the death, could make him the youngest person currently in the custody of California's corrections department.

Prosecutors want a judge in Riverside to find the now-12-year-old child murdered Hall — a regional leader of the National Socialist Movement who headed rallies at a synagogue and day labor site — and keep him locked up as long as possible, citing a history of violent behavior including choking a teacher with a telephone cord.

"In reality, sometimes kids — just like all of us — do things because they want to, and he decided, as he put it, it was time to end the father-son thing," said Michael Soccio, chief deputy district attorney. "This child started at five years old being expelled from school for violence. ... His violence started way before his dad ever joined any Nazi party." The boy's public defender, Matthew Hardy, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Hardy told the New York Times his client has neurological and psychological problems and was exposed

to neo-Nazi "conditioning" at home.

"He's been conditioned to violence," Hardy told the newspaper. "You have to ask yourself: Did this kid really know that this act was wrong based on all those things?"

Opening statements are

expected to begin Tuesday in the two-week trial of the boy, who is not being charged as an adult. The Associated Press is not identifying him because of his age.

Hall, who said he believed in a white breakaway nation, ran for a seat on the lo-



Jeff Hall, a neo-Nazi, after a skirmish during a conference of the National Socialist Movement, in Pemberton, N.J., April 15, 2011. 32-year-old Jeff Hall was murdered by his then-10-year-old son in a rare case that, if he's held responsible for the death, could make him the youngest person currently in the custody of California's corrections department.

(Julie Platner/The New York Times)

cal water board in 2010 in a move that disturbed many residents in the recession-battered suburbs southeast of Los Angeles. The day before his death, he held a meeting of the neo-Nazi group at his home. Hall had previously taken the boy — his eldest of five children — on a U.S.-Mexico border patrol trip and showed him how to use a gun, according to papers filed by police against the boy's stepmother alleging child endangerment and criminal storage of a gun. Last year, the boy told investigators he went downstairs and shot his father before returning upstairs and hiding the gun under his bed, according to court documents. He told authorities he thought his father was going to leave his

stepmother, and he didn't want the family to split up, Soccio said.

The boy's stepmother told authorities that Hall had hit, kicked and yelled at his son for being too loud or getting in the way. Hall and the boy's biological mother had previously slugged through a divorce and custody dispute in which each had accused the other of child abuse.

Kathleen M. Heide, a professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa who wrote "Why Kids Kill Parents," said children 10 and under rarely kill their parents and that only 16 such cases were documented between 1996 and 2007. Heide also said parenting and home life would undoubtedly play a role in the case. □



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Oxen's possible slaughter prompts fight in Vermont

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POULTNEY, Vt. — Just past the village here is the farm at Green Mountain College, where chickens roam free and solar panels heat a greenhouse. The idea of sustainability runs so deep that instead of machines fueled by diesel, a pair of working oxen have tilled the fields for the better part of a decade, a rare evocation of a New England agricultural tradition.

Their names are Bill and Lou, and by the end of the month, they are to be slaughtered and turned into hamburger meat for the dining hall.

Their fate has prompted a barrage of criticism from townspeople, animal rights

supporters and tens of thousands of online petitioners, perplexing many at the college who say that using Bill and Lou for food is an appropriate, if awkward, execution of the

school's mission.

"Our choice is either to eat the animals that we know have been cared for and lived good lives or serve the bodies of nameless animals we do not know," said Wil-



Baylee Drown, the assistant manager at Green Mountain College's farm, with Bill, one of the school's two oxen who tilled the fields for almost a decade, in Poultney, Vt., Oct. 26, 2012. Bill and Lou are unable to work anymore, and the school's decision to slaughter them for food, in accordance with its mission of agricultural sustainability, has prompted a barrage of criticism.

(Ilana Panich-Linsman/The New York Times)

liam Throop, the college's provost, who specializes in environmental ethics.

In July, Lou stepped into a woodchuck hole and worsened an injury in his left rear leg, which in combination with other medical problems has rendered him unable to work.

His partner, Bill, is not injured, but he is aging too, and probably could not work without Lou.

Now permanently out of the yoke, Bill and Lou reclined in their pasture on a recent afternoon. Lou lay stretched out and still — a sign of ill health for cattle, which usually chew cud to pass the time — his leg joint still swollen from the injury. But he raised his head as Baylee Drown, the assistant manager of the farm here, approached him to

scratch his back.

His quality of life is rapidly deteriorating, and this is the logical time to use him for another purpose," Drown said of Lou. "But I would like to take him home."

Philip Ackerman-Leist, the farm director, said the college had three options for Bill and Lou: euthanasia, sanctuary or slaughter. On Oct. 12, after extensive campus discussion, the college posted its choice to its Facebook page.

"It makes sense to consume the resources we have on campus," said Ackerman-Leist, who pointed out that the farm's purpose is to produce food in a humane and sustainable way, not to shelter animals. "We have to think about the farm system as a whole."

But the decision incensed animal rights groups, which posted online petitions that have amassed thousands of signatures and took to the college's Facebook page to call for a reprieve. An animal sanctuary in Springfield, Vt., known as Veganism Is the Next Evolution, offered to take Bill and Lou into retirement.

"We thought, 'We can solve this problem,'" said Patrice Jones, a founder of the sanctuary. "It just shocks the conscience of anybody who believes in kindness to animals."

But the college has not taken up the offer, which it says does not align with the values of a sustainable, production-based farm, further stoking the aggravation of its critics. □

Merit pay tough sell for Newark teachers

KATE ZERNIKE

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NEWARK, N.J. — On one side of the table was the union firebrand Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers. On the other was the state education commissioner handpicked by Gov. Chris Christie, who became a star among fellow Republicans for aggressively taking on public employee unions.

During months of intense and late-night negotiations for a new teachers contract for the chronically troubled Newark school system, the parties settled

on what they believed would be a landmark compromise.

At the center of it was merit pay — the idea of paying teachers based on performance that has long been a flash point between critics of teachers' unions who believe it would increase accountability, and union leaders who fear that performance would be based on test scores rather than the subtleties of classrooms. Though Weingarten had criticized what she calls "merit pay schemes," she and the other union leaders agreed to embrace the concept in exchange

for a promise that teachers would have a rare role in evaluating performance. Joseph Del Grosso, the leader of the local union who was jailed for striking 40 years ago, has been telling his members that approving the contract will turn them into "heroes."

But suspicion tends to run high in this New Jersey city, long rived by politics of race and class. Many teachers worry that the bonuses will never appear. And a faction has staged an insurrection against union leaders, saying the contract will weaken job security and pit teacher

against teacher.

"This is how they will break our union," said Renee Puliam, a high school special education teacher in her 24th year in Newark.

On Monday, the city's 4,700 union members are scheduled to vote on the contract. Both sides say they cannot predict the outcome, but either way, what happens here will echo among teachers' unions across the country. In presentations to members last week, Del Grosso argued that the contract would affirm teachers as professionals, like doctors or lawyers. □



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Gay Republican can't count on gay and lesbian vote

IAN LOVETT

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SAN DIEGO – A victory for Carl DeMaio, who is locked in a tight mayoral race, would make San Diego the second-largest city in the country to elect an openly gay mayor and by far the largest to elect a gay Republican.

Yet, perhaps no group has opposed DeMaio as loudly as this city's sizable gay and lesbian population.

Angered by his reticence on gay issues and his acceptance of campaign donations from backers of Proposition 8, California's 2008 ban on same-sex marriage, parts of the crowd booed DeMaio at a mayoral debate at the gay and lesbian community center here. He was booed again as he walked hand in hand with his partner in this year's gay pride parade.

And many gay and lesbian leaders here have lined up behind Bob Filner, 70, a Democratic congressman and DeMaio's opponent in the Nov. 6 election.

"For Carl DeMaio to be elected mayor would not be a victory for gay and lesbian people," said Linda Perine, a longtime lesbian organizer. "It would be a defeat."

That DeMaio, 38, could become the next mayor of San Diego – long a conservative outpost in liberal California – offers more evidence of just how dramatically the

political landscape has changed for gays and lesbians in recent years. But this race has also exposed the particular challenges that gay Republicans running for office continue to face, as they try to balance a desire to further gay rights against an appeal to conservatives who oppose gay marriage.

While that list of gays and lesbians running for public office has grown in recent years – Houston elected a lesbian mayor, Annise Parker, in 2009, and Tammy Baldwin is challenging in Wisconsin to become the first openly gay U.S. senator – few have been Republican.

In part, Filner, a former Freedom Rider and outspoken advocate of gay rights, owes his wide support from gay voters to simple partisan politics: Gays and lesbians across the country vote overwhelmingly for Democrats. Some refuse to support anyone affiliated with a party that this year made opposition to gay marriage part of its platform.

DeMaio said that it is only a small minority among gay voters, with ties to organized labor, that is so vocally opposed to him.

But the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, which supports openly gay candidates from both parties, did not endorse DeMaio; neither did the Log Cabin Repub-

licans, the party's leading gay political group, which is supporting Mitt Romney for president.

And he has also alienated some gay and lesbian voters who have sup-

"He stood up for us, and I felt it was our duty to stand up for him," Susan Atkins, the chairwoman of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, said of Sanders, whom she supported in 2008. But she

stated his support for gay marriage and voted to support gay causes on the council.

But he has also accepted endorsements and campaign money from major donors to Proposition 8. And social issues like gay rights, he has repeatedly said, would not be a priority for him as mayor.

"I'm proud of San Diego that sexual orientation has not played an issue in this race," DeMaio said. "I've been running on fiscal reforms and prosperity to create jobs. That's the agenda that I think has brought so many diverse groups together."

That message has resonated with conservatives, and the Republican Party of San Diego County endorsed DeMaio over two other Republicans in the primary.

"Carl's been embraced by just about everyone," said Tony Krvaric, the group's chairman. "He has a lot in common with a lot of people on the fiscally conservative side." □



San Diego Republican Mayoral candidate Carl DeMaio, who is openly gay, before a debate with his opponent, Rep. Bob Filner (D-Calif.), at the Kensington Community Church in San Diego, Calif. Angered by his reticence on gay issues and his acceptance of campaign donations from backers of Proposition 8, the state's 2008 ban on same-sex marriage, much of the city's sizable gay and lesbian population is opposed to DeMaio.

(Sam Hodgson/The New York Times)

ported Republicans like Jerry Sanders, the current mayor, whose tearful announcement of support for same-sex marriage in 2007 cost him some backers but rendered him a hero among many gays and lesbians.

will not support DeMaio. While Sanders was campaigning aggressively against Proposition 8 four years ago, DeMaio stayed quiet on the issue as he ran for City Council in a conservative district.

Since then, DeMaio has

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US seeking Algeria's support in Mali

BRADLEY KLAPPER
Associated Press

ALGEIRS, Algeria (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton sought Algeria's assistance on Monday for any future military intervention in Mali, pressing the North African nation to provide intelligence — if not boots on the ground — to help rout the al-Qaida-linked militants across its southern border.

Clinton, on the first stop of a five-day trip overseas, met with Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika as the United States and its allies ramped up preparations to fight northern Mali's break-away Islamist republic.

When Mali's democratically elected leader was ousted in a military coup in March, Tuareg rebels seized on the power vacuum and within weeks took control of the north, aided by an Islamist faction.

The Islamists then quickly ousted the Tuaregs and took control of half the country.

The U.N. Security Council has unanimously approved the idea of an African-led military force to help the Malian army oust Islamic militants, but its details are still unclear. One plan would see Mali's embattled government in

the south and its West African neighbors taking the military lead to battle with the militants, with the United States and European countries in support. Any military intervention would likely require Alge-



Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, right, talks with US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, at the Mouradia Palace, in Algiers, Algeria, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton sought Algeria's assistance on Monday for any future military intervention in Mali, pressing the North African nation to provide intelligence, if not boots on the ground to help rout the al-Qaida-linked militants across its southern border. Clinton, on the first stop of a five-day trip overseas, met with Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika as the United States and its allies ramped up preparations to fight northern Mali's breakaway Islamist republic.

(AP Photo, Saul Loeb, Pool)

ria, whose reforms have headed off the Arab Spring tumult experienced by neighbors such as Libya and Tunisia and left it with the strongest military and best intelligence in the region.

Clinton said she and Bouteflika spoke at length about Mali, with the Algerian leader appearing to caution against any rash action.

"I very much appreciated the president's analysis

beyond," Clinton told reporters.

She said they agreed to continue discussions with the U.N. and African nations "to determine the most effective approaches that we should be taking."

Washington is keen to eliminate northern Mali as a haven for al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, which may have been involved in September's attack on the U.S. Consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi. Mali even came up in the U.S. election campaign, with Republican challenger Mitt Romney citing the African nation's instability in a foreign policy debate with President Barack Obama.

As further evidence of the U.S. intensifying its diplomatic work in Mali, Maria Otero, an undersecretary of state for civilian security, democracy and human rights, was to travel to Mali on Monday. She is the highest-ranking Obama administration official to visit since the coup. She'll meet with Mali's prime minister, human rights activists and internal refugees. □

Syrian regime renews strikes on rebel areas

BEN HUBBARD
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian fighter jets pounded rebel areas across the country on Monday with scores of airstrikes that anti-regime activists called the most widespread bombing in a single day since Syria's troubles started 19 months ago.

The death toll for what was supposed to be a four-day cease-fire between the regime of President Bashar Assad and rebels seeking his overthrow exceeded 500, and activists guessed the government's heavy reliance on air power reflected its inability to roll back rebel gains.

"The army is no longer able to make any progress on the ground so it is resorting to this style," said activist Hisham Nijim via Skype from the northern town of Khan Sheikhoun. Activists said more than 80 people were killed nationwide Monday while videos posted online showed fighter jets screaming over Syrian towns, mushroom clouds rising from neighborhoods and residents searching the remains of damaged and collapsed buildings for bodies. One video from Maaret al-Numan in the north showed residents trying to save a boy who was buried up to his shoulders in rubble. Another showed the dead bodies of a young boy and girl laid out on a tile floor.

The airstrikes focused on rebel areas in the northern provinces of Aleppo and Idlib, as well as on restive areas in and around the capital Damascus. The regime has been bombing rebel areas in the north for months, but had sparingly used its air force near the capital, presumably to avoid isolating its supporters there.

But analysts say that rampant defections and rising rebel capabilities have lessened the regime's ability to take back and hold rebel areas, making air strikes its most effective way to fight back. □

International observers denounce Ukrain election

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KIEV, Ukraine — International observers delivered scathing criticism Monday of Ukraine's parliamentary election, saying the vote was heavily tilted in favor of President Viktor F. Yanukovich's Party of Regions through the abuse of government resources, the dominance of media coverage and the jailing of two prominent opposition leaders. "Considering the abuse of power, and the excessive role of money in this election, democratic progress appears to have reversed in Ukraine," said Walburga Habsburg Douglas, a Swedish lawmaker who led an observer mission for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Parliamentary Assembly.

With nearly 80 percent of Sunday's ballots counted by Monday evening, the



Workers count ballots at a polling station for parliamentary elections in Kiev, Ukraine. International observers delivered scathing criticism Monday of Ukraine's parliamentary election, saying the vote was heavily tilted in favor of President Viktor F. Yanukovich's Party of Regions.

(Olga Kravets/The New York Times)

results showed the Party of Regions well ahead of its opponents, with about 33 percent of the vote. The Fatherland party of

the jailed former prime minister, Yulia V. Tymoshenko, was second in the early re-

led by boxing champion Vitali Klitschko, with 13 percent and the ultranationalist Freedom Party with 9 percent. The election was closely watched as a gauge of developing democracy in this former Soviet republic of 45 million, once viewed as on a steady track toward integration with Europe after the Orange Revolution of 2004. Framed in that context, the verdict by international observers was devastating. Andreas Gross, a member of the Swiss Parliament who led a delegation to Ukraine from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, said problems were so deep that even calling a new election would not help. □

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New Dutch coalition govt seeks \$20B in cuts



Netherlands' caretaker Prime Minister Mark Rutte, right, and Labor Party Leader Diederik Samsom, left, attend a joint news conference in The Hague, Netherlands, Monday Oct. 29, 2012. The Netherlands is close to getting a new coalition government after lawmakers from the two biggest parties approved a policy deal hammered out by their leaders. Rutte, leader of the pro-free market VVD party, and center-left Labor Party chief Samsom have been negotiating behind closed doors for weeks to resolve policies for their proposed coalition.

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Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A new Dutch ruling coalition made up of the pro-free market VVD party and the center-left Labor Party plans to slash government spending by €16 billion (\$20.6 billion) by 2017.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte said he and Labor leader Diederik Samsom agreed Monday to a policy blueprint for their new coalition, an announcement that came after weeks of closed-door talks aimed at bridging their parties' ideological gulf.

"Getting government finances in order is an abso-

lute priority," Rutte said as he gave the financial targets for cuts.

It's his second term as leader of this European Union nation of 16 million. His new administration is expected to be sworn in next week.

The blueprint underscored that Rutte's second government will continue the fiscally conservative policies of his first coalition, which was a staunch supporter of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's tough line on financial responsibility as the EU struggles to rein in its debt crisis. Samsom conceded that the deal means more

belt-tightening for the Netherlands, one of Europe's most economically stable nations and one of only a handful of EU states to have kept its top AAA government credit rating throughout the crisis.

"You can't say you're happy with this deal, because everybody will have to make sacrifices," Samsom

told reporters in Parliament. VVD and Labor together hold 79 seats in the 150-seat House of Representatives after both recorded big gains in Sept. 12 election.

That healthy majority is in stark contrast to Rutte's first administration, which was a minority coalition supported by the Freedom

Party of maverick anti-Islam Euroskeptical lawmaker Geert Wilders.

Rutte's first government collapsed earlier this year after 18 months in office when Wilders refused to support a far-reaching austerity program aimed at bringing the Dutch government debt within EU guidelines. □



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Protesting middle class puts China on watch

GILLIAN WONG
Associated Press

NINGBO, China (AP) — A victory by protesters against the expansion of a chemical plant proves the new rule in China: The authoritarian government is scared of middle-class rebellion and will give in if the demonstrators' aims are limited and not openly political. It's far from a revolution. China's nascent middle class, the product of the past decade's economic boom, is looking for better government, not a differ-

ent one. They're especially concerned about issues like health, education and property values and often resist the growth-at-all-costs model Beijing has pushed. The past week's chemical-plant protests reached an unruly crescendo over the weekend, when thousands of people marched through prosperous Ningbo city, clashing with police at times. The city government gave in Sunday and agreed to halt the plant's expansion. Even so, the protesters did



Chinese police officers monitor residents gathered outside the city government office in Ningbo city in eastern China's Zhejiang province Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. After three days of protests by thousands of citizens over pollution fears, a local Chinese government relented and agreed that the petrochemical factory would not be expanded, only to see the protests persist. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

project. They should state clearly that they will stop doing these projects in Ningbo and the rest of China." The protest in Ningbo — a centuries-old trading center of tree-lined streets and canals south of Shanghai now surrounded by industrial development zones — was well-timed. It came a few weeks before a transfer of power in the ruling Communist Party, and Beijing wants calm nationwide so as not to detract from the leadership transition. Given that pressure and the fact that many Ningbo officials also have middle-class concerns about air pollution and other quality-of-life issues, the local government found it easier to back off, Peking University sociologist Liu Neng said. "The government would need lots of courage to insist on keeping this project. The cost would be too high if the protest escalated to another level," Liu said. "Since the 18th party congress is around the corner, it is very important to maintain stability." □

not back down, staying outside city government offices hours after the concession. About 200 protesters, many of them retirees, returned Monday to make sure the government keeps its word on the oil and ethylene refinery run by a subsidiary of Sinopec, the state-owned petrochemi-

cal giant. "In yesterday's protest, the ordinary people let their voices be heard," a 40-year-old businessman who would give only his surname, Bao, said on the protest line Monday. Government officials, he said, "should say they are completely canceling the

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Russian vessel with 700 tons of gold ore reported missing

MOSCOW (AP) — A vessel with a nine-person crew and 700 tons of gold ore onboard has gone missing in stormy seas off Russia's Pacific Coast. The ship sent a distress call on Sunday as it was sailing from the coastal town of Neran to Feklistov Island in

the Sea of Okhotsk. The vessel, hired by mining company Polymetal, was carrying 700 tons of gold ore from one deposit to another where it was to be processed. Gold ore is the material from which gold is extracted and contains only a small percentage of

the precious metal. Polymetal's spokesman on Monday would not estimate the value of the cargo. The company said it has shipped ore via that route before, and there was nothing unusual in shipping it by the sea. □



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Latin Briefs

Assailants start hotel fire at Mexico resort

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — A small hotel in the Mexican resort of Acapulco has suffered minor damage after four men poured gasoline onto the floor of the lobby and kitchen and set it afire. The fire has been extinguished and there are no injuries. The spokesman for the government of Guerrero state says four men entered the hotel before dawn Monday, asking for a person

they apparently believed was staying there. Spokesman Arturo Martinez says the men started setting the fire after hotel employees refused to give them information. The Hotel Costa Linda is located in an old part of Acapulco that is not much frequented by foreign tourists. The Pacific coast resort has seen a wave of crime and drug-gang violence in recent years. □

Flooding in Argentina causes damage, 1 dead

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Heavy rains in Argentina's capital are causing damage and one reported death. More than a thousand people have evacuated their homes. Nearly 5 inches (130 millimeters) of rain fell in just a few hours Monday morning, causing power outages, flooding subways and train lines and turning streets into rivers. The prolonged storm front also forced dozens of flights

to turn away from Buenos Aires. Especially hard-hit are the city's teeming slums, where open sewage runs over dirt passageways even when it's dry. Many of those slums are built alongside the Matanza River, which overran its banks during the storm. Argentina's state-run news agency Telam reports one fatality: an elderly man whose children found his body inside his flooded home next to the river. □

Brazil's Haddad handily wins Sao Paulo election

SAO PAULO (AP) — The Brazilian ruling party candidate easily won the mayoral race in South America's biggest city Sunday in a second-round vote, outpacing an experienced opposition rival and former presidential candidate. Workers' Party candidate and former education minister Fernando Haddad won more than 55 percent of the vote in Sao Paulo, a

traditional stronghold for the top opposition party. Haddad began the race months ago polling just 2 percent. But he eased into office on the back of strong campaigning from popular former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Brazil's current leader Dilma Rousseff. Haddad served as education minister from 2005 until 2012 under both Silva and Rousseff. □

Storm's Aftermath:

Cuba's 2nd city without power, water

**PETER ORSI
Associated Press
HAVANA (AP)** — Residents of Cuba's second-largest city of Santiago remained without power or running water Monday, four days after Hurricane Sandy made landfall as the island's deadliest storm in seven years, ripping rooftops from homes and toppling power lines. Across the Caribbean, the storm's death toll rose to 69, including 52 people in Haiti, 11 in Cuba, two in the Bahamas, two in the Dominican Republic, one in Jamaica and one in Puerto Rico. Cuban authorities have not yet estimated the economic toll, but the Communist Party newspaper Granma reported there was "severe damage to housing, economic activity, fundamental public services and institutions of education, health and culture."

Yolanda Tabio, a native of Santiago, said she had never seen anything like it in all her 64 years: Broken hotel and shop windows, trees blown over onto houses, people picking through piles of debris for a scrap of anything to cover their homes. On Sunday, she sought solace in faith. "The Mass was packed. Everyone crying," said Tabio, whose house had no electricity, intermittent phone service and only murky water coming out of the tap on Monday. "I think it will take five to ten years to recover. ... But we're alive."

Sandy came onshore early Thursday just west of Santiago, a city of about 500,000 people in agricultural southeastern Cuba. □



Residents walk past tree branches and power lines felled by Hurricane Sandy in Santiago de Cuba. Residents of Cuba's second city continued to find themselves without power or running water, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, four days after Hurricane Sandy hit. (AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

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Facebook being used to kidnap, traffic Indonesian girls

MARGIE MASON

Associated Press

DEPOK, Indonesia (AP) —

When a 14-year-old girl received a Facebook friend request from an older man she didn't know, she accepted it out of curiosity. It's a click she will forever regret, leading to a brutal story that has repeated itself as sexual predators find new ways to exploit Indonesia's growing obsession with social media.

The junior high student was quickly smitten by the man's smooth online flattery. They exchanged phone numbers, and his attention increased with rapid-fire texts. He convinced her to meet in a mall, and she found him just as charming in person.

They agreed to meet again. After telling her mom she was going to visit a sick girlfriend on her way to church choir practice, she climbed into the man's minivan near her home in Depok, on the outskirts of Jakarta.

The man, a 24-year-old who called himself Yogi, drove her an hour to the town of Bogor, West Java, she told The Associated Press in an interview.

There, he locked her in a small room inside a house with at least five other girls aged 14 to 17. She was drugged and raped repeatedly — losing her virginity in the first attack.

After one week of torture, her captor told her she was being sold and shipped to the faraway island of Batam, known for its seedy brothels and child sex tourism that caters to men coming by boat from nearby Singapore.

She sobbed hysterically

and begged to go home. She was beaten and told to shut up or die.

So far this year, 27 of the 129 children reported missing to Indonesia's National Commission for Child Protection are believed to have been abducted after meeting their captors on Facebook, said the group's chairman, Arist Merdeka Sirait. One of the

ing in, you will know that maybe it's not one of the countries, maybe it's one of a hundred countries," said Anjan Bose, a program officer who works on child online protection issues at ECPAT International, a non-profit global network that helps children in 70 countries. "The Internet is such a global medium. It doesn't differentiate between poor

wildly popular on mobile phones.

Many young Indonesians, and their parents, are unaware of the dangers of allowing strangers to see their personal information online. Teenagers frequently post photos and personal details such as their home address, phone number, school and hangouts without using any privacy settings — allowing anyone trolling the net to find them and learn everything about them.

"We are racing against time, and the technology frenzy over Facebook is a trend among teenagers here," Sirait said. "Police should move faster, or many more girls will become victims."

The 27 Facebook-related abductions reported to the commission this year in Indonesia have already exceed 18 similar cases it received in all of 2011. Overall, the National Task Force Against Human Trafficking said 435 children were trafficked last year, mostly for sexual exploitation.

Many who fight child sex crimes in Indonesia believe the real numbers are much higher. Missing children are often not reported to authorities. Stigma and shame surround sexual abuse in the world's largest Muslim-majority country, and there's a widespread belief that police will do nothing to help.

An ECPAT International report estimates that each year, 40,000 to 70,000 children are involved in trafficking, pornography or prostitution in Indonesia, a nation of 240 million where many families remain im-

poverished.

The U.S. State Department has also warned that more Indonesian girls are being recruited using social media networks. In a report last year, it said traffickers have "resorted to outright kidnapping of girls and young women for sex trafficking within the country and abroad."

Online child sexual abuse and exploitation are common in much of Asia. In the Philippines, kids are being forced to strip or perform sex acts on live webcams — often by their parents, who are using them as a source of income. Western men typically pay to use the sites.

"In the Philippines, this is the tip of the iceberg. It's not only Facebook and social media, but it's also through text messages ... especially young, vulnerable people are being targeted," said Leonarda Kling, regional representative for Terre des Hommes Netherlands, a nonprofit working on trafficking issues. "It's all about promises. Better jobs or maybe even a nice telephone or whatever. Young people now, you see all the glamour and glitter around you and they want to have the latest BlackBerry, the latest fashion, and it's also a way to get these things." Facebook says its investigators regularly review content on the site and work with authorities, including Interpol, to combat illegal activity. It also has employees around the world tasked with cracking down on people who attempt to use the site for human trafficking.

"We take human trafficking very seriously and,"



In this Friday, Oct. 19, 2012 photo, Indonesian students browse at an internet cafe in Jakarta, Indonesia. There are growing numbers of incidents involving internet social media networks being used as a mean for children trafficking in Indonesia, at least eight reported this month alone of young girls being abducted and enslaved by men who approached them randomly on Facebook, raising concerns that the overall number of trafficked children remains grossly underestimated in the sprawling archipelago of 240 million.

(AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

27 has been found dead. In the month since the Depok girl was found near a bus terminal Sept. 30, there have been at least seven reports of young girls in Indonesia being abducted by people they met on Facebook. Although no solid data exists, police and aid groups that work on trafficking issues say it seems to be a particularly big problem in the Southeast Asian archipelago.

"Maybe Indonesia is kind of a unique country so far. Once the reports start com-

and rich. It doesn't differentiate between the economy of the country or the culture."

Websites that track social media say Indonesia has nearly 50 million people signed up for Facebook, making it one of the world's top users after the U.S. The capital, Jakarta, was recently named the most active Twitter city by Paris-based social media monitoring company SemioCast. In addition, networking groups such as BlackBerry and Yahoo Messenger are



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Chelsea FC Foundation International Development Manager Ian Woodroffe speaks exclusively to digicelfootball.com on the upcoming Digicel Academy

Friday 26th October 2012 – Kingston, Jamaica: With the Digicel Academy around the corner, it was the perfect time to quiz the International Development Manager on his thoughts about the program, the importance of youth development initiatives –and his advice for the 32 aspiring young footballers who will be trained under coaches from Chelsea FC.

–Ian, this is a huge opportunity for these 32 young boys to spend a week training under coaches from Chelsea. Firstly, what advice do you have for them as they prepare for their week of training?

–I'm sure the players are very excited about this fantastic program and opportunity created by Digicel. From a Chelsea FC Foundation coaches' perspective, we ultimately want all the players to join us with



lots of energy and an open mind to enjoy, engage, learn and benefit from their experiences gained from the training. This is further enhanced by the exposure and cultural interaction with many other players from all across the Caribbean.

–This is the fifth year of the Digicel Kick Start Clinics program.

In your opinion, how important are these types of

initiatives in ensuring the ongoing development of football?

–This program of engaging coaching and training from other countries, while bringing together talented players to further test themselves, is very important in order to further develop playing ability and understanding.

I would encourage any young players to embrace

such an opportunity given the chance.

–All of these boys dream of becoming successful professional footballers. What advice do you have for them to make it on an international level?

–Every young footballer across the globe has the dream of becoming a success, so there's a lot of competition. My advice on development is to enjoy the game, work hard to improve all aspects of performance, always try to play at the highest level – and keep testing yourself to become better. We never stop learning and there is always something to improve even at the highest level. Who knows what you can achieve, only time will tell.

–In terms of next steps, what advice do you have for the boys in building on what they have learned during their week at the Academy

with the Chelsea coaches? –I would hope the opportunity given by Digicel and Chelsea FC Foundation will encourage all the players to work hard and strive to become the best they can be in their footballing life.

The opportunity to explore a new country and engage with people from outside their own country will hopefully be a positive experience, and one they learn from and want to continue. Socially, with 32 young players together, I'm sure the experience will be one where they leave with many new friends from different countries.

For me personally, the most exciting part about the whole program is that it's not a one off but is part of a long-term relationship between Digicel and Chelsea. We are very much looking forward to developing this whole program over the next few years. □

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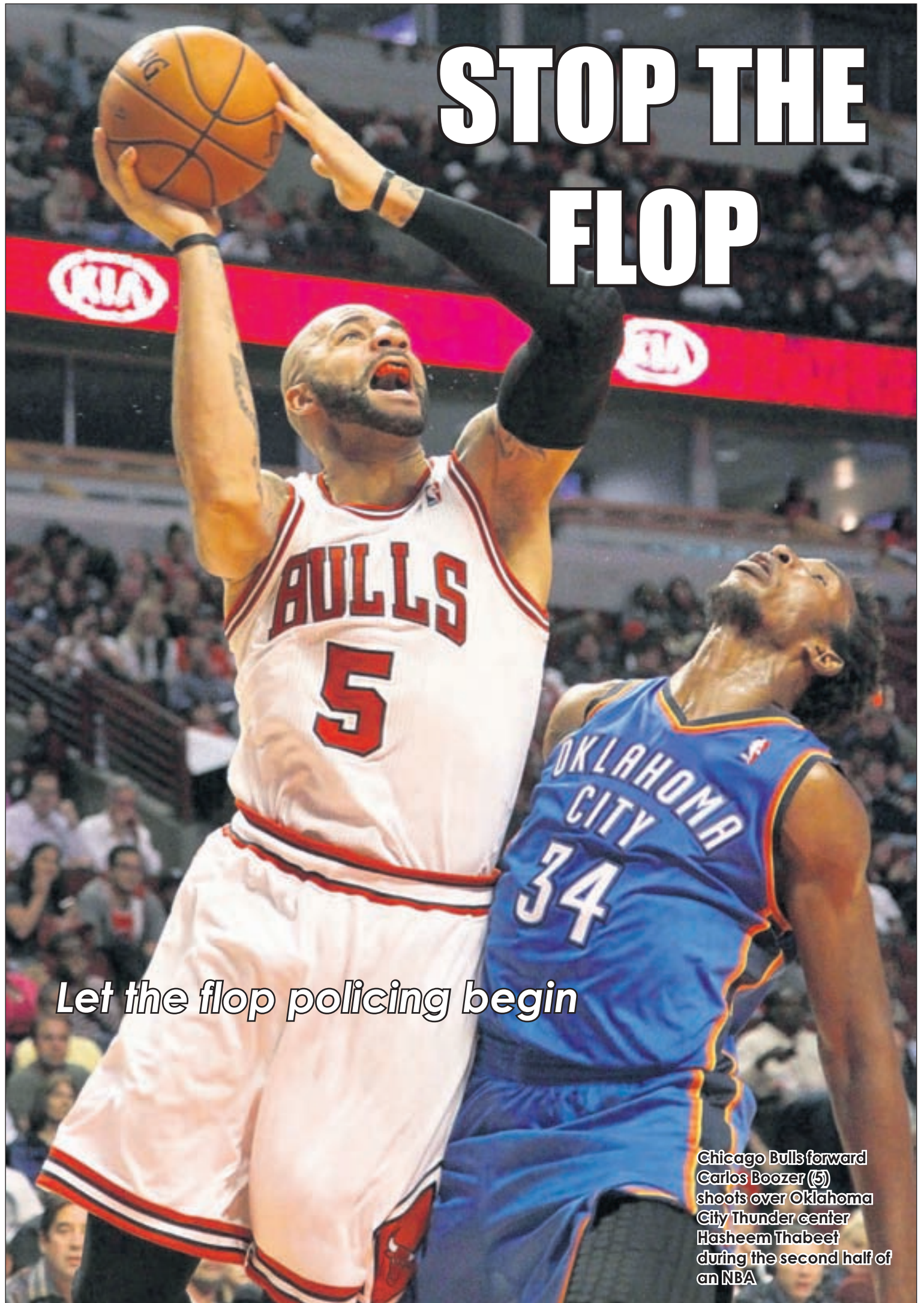
ZURICH (AP) — American and international doctors will discuss the safest ages to play tackle football at the Consensus Conference on Concussion in Sport this week.

More than 100 medical experts from around the world, including leading U.S. doctors Stanley Herring and Robert Cantu, will take part Thursday and Friday. Herring serves as the director of sports spine and orthopedic health at University of Washington Medicine and was a leader in getting passed the state's landmark Zackery Lystedt Law in 2009. The primary elements of this law have been passed in 40 states and the District of Columbia, benefiting millions of young athletes by mandating concussion information be read by student-athletes and their parents. The law also established a ground-breaking, return-to-play protocol: that following a concussion, only a health care professional, not a coach, parent or athlete, may clear an athlete to return to play.

Herring serves on the NFL's Head, Neck and Spine Committee, and on USA Football's Football and Wellness Committee.

Cantu is a neurosurgeon and concussion expert at Boston University's medical school and has been published widely on the topic of concussions. He supports not allowing children under the age of 14 to practice tackle football, heading in soccer and body checking in hockey.

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STOP THE FLOP

Let the flop policing begin

Chicago Bulls forward Carlos Boozer (5) shoots over Oklahoma City Thunder center Hasheem Thabeet during the second half of an NBA



Venus Williams of the U.S. reacts after winning the singles final of the Luxembourg Open against Romania's Monica Niculescu, in Luxembourg, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012.
Associated Press

Clijsters to play farewell match against V. Williams

BRUSSELS (AP) — Kim Clijsters will play a ceremonial farewell match on Dec. 12 against Venus Williams. Clijsters retired from tennis after the U.S. Open in August but announced on her website on Monday that she will face her longtime rival Williams in the Kim's Thank You Games at the Antwerp Sports Palace. The 29-year-old Belgian, a four-time Grand Slam winner, initially retired in 2007 only to make a return to the sport two years later. This time, she insists her retirement is for good. □



McIlroy beats Woods in China exhibition

JUSTIN BERGMAN

Associated Press

ZHENGZHOU, China (AP)

— Rory McIlroy outdueled Tiger Woods in the first one-on-one exhibition match between golf's two biggest names.

Woods thinks he'll have plenty of chances to get revenge.

McIlroy shot a 5-under 67 to beat Woods by one stroke in an 18-hole match between the two top-ranked golfers at the Jinsha Lake Golf Club in central China on Monday.

"This is certainly not like most Mondays. To have this many people come out and watch us play golf in an exhibition was something special.

This doesn't happen," Woods said. "As far as doing something like this down the road, it would be fun."

The event, dubbed "Duel at Jinsha Lake," marked the first time the two golfers had played head-to-head without other competitors. It probably won't be the last.

Woods said he'd relish the chance to take on McIlroy more often to create a rivalry at the top of the game similar to the one between Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray that have made men's tennis so exciting in recent years.

"If you look at the history of the game, it's not like other sports where the guys play against each other all the time. Jack (Nicklaus) and Arnold (Palmer) didn't go at it that often," Woods said. "But you know what, if we can do this for the next 10, 15 years, then certainly we can have that type of rivalry."

"I think having matches like this to promote the game of golf is what it's all about. We're trying to promote the game of golf in this region and it's come a long way since my first time here 11 years ago."

McIlroy took an early lead with two birdies on the first three holes and held on to beat Woods, who had two



Tiger Woods of the United States, right, and Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland walk together during their 18-hole medal-match at the Lake Jinsha Golf Club in Zhengzhou, in central China's Henan province, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012.

Associated Press

bogeys to go along with his six birdies for the day. The 14-time major winner finished with a 68.

Both players had to make long journeys to Zhengzhou, an industrial city in China's Henan province, after competing elsewhere on Sunday. McIlroy finished second to Peter Hanson in the European Tour's BMW Masters at Shanghai, while Woods tied for fourth in the PGA Tour's CIMB Classic in Malaysia.

McIlroy, who captured the PGA Championship in August for his second major, said the win over Woods offered some consolation for his defeat Sunday when he surged back from four shots down against Hanson only to lose by one stroke in the end.

"It's been a nice distraction to not dwell on what happened yesterday. I let a great chance to win a golf tournament slip through my fingers," McIlroy said. "Coming to do something like this today has definitely made it a little easier to deal with."

After falling two strokes behind on the front nine, Woods hit a perfect chip shot from the fairway on the par-3 12th hole that hit the pin and dropped in for birdie, bringing him within one shot of the Northern

Irishman.

However, he then missed a long putt for par on the next hole, settling for bogey, while McIlroy sunk a 7-footer for par.

Woods made birdie on the 14th hole to pull within one stroke again, but he missed his final chance to level the score on the 18th when he overhit his approach shot and landed in a bunker, muttering "where did that go?"

The first head-to-head matchup between Woods and McIlroy — at the eight-player World Golf Final in Turkey this month — was far more one-sided. Woods shot a 7-under 64 to defeat the Northern Irishman by six strokes in a group match at the exhibition event.

China has lured a number of the world's top players with lucrative exhibitions in the past few years as part of an effort to grow the sport's popularity and market a bevy of new celebrity-designed courses. No expense — or extravagance — was spared in welcoming Woods and McIlroy to the Jinsha Lake Golf Club, either.

As stunt planes buzzed overhead, a fleet of Rolls Royces whisked the players to the course, passing helicopters for sale and Aston Martins and Maseratis

with showgirls draped over them. After the two struck a gong to open the event, fireworks exploded behind them and confetti cannons rained gold flakes over the jostling crowd.

Some spectators, however, were skeptical whether an event like this would actually attract new fans to the sport in China.

"The bosses here maybe want to sell the villas so they introduce two big stars to come here," said Michael Wong, vice editor-in-chief of China's Golfweek magazine in Beijing. "It's a show more than a game."

But fans on the course were excited to see golf's biggest names nonetheless.

Ji Tianxin, a 14-year-old student and occasional golfer, came with her father from Nanjing to watch McIlroy, her favorite player. "I don't usually get this chance to watch the best players," she said, watching the players putt on the fourth hole. "I think the two are both stars so I really wanted to see them."

The duel even led to some sibling rivalry between a brother and sister from Beijing. Li Weiyang is a long-time fan of Woods because he appreciates his skills and finds him "charming," but his older sister Jing Sun was rooting for McIlroy. □

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Also taking part in the discussion will be Dr. Gerard A. Gioia of the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Kevin Guskiewicz of the University of North Carolina. Herring is active in USA Football's program, Heads Up Football, which teaches the safest tackling techniques, designed to take the head out of the play.

"As a physician with a specific interest in head and neck injury who has cared for football players for three decades, I find ... Heads Up Football ... very valuable in helping to make players on the field better and safer," Herring said. "Also, introducing this proper tackling technique early in a player's career is essential to its success.

"Avoiding unnecessary head contact is a major part of concussion and cervical spine injury prevention teaching in the medical and sports communities, and this program is the best — by far — of any I have seen."



Let the flop policing begin

JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Basketball Writer

It's not just the flopping that the NBA is trying to squash. It's Reggie Evans looking like he was zapped by about 10,000 volts of electricity when Memphis guard Tony Allen's arm hit him while Evans — yes, Evans — was setting a screen.

It's Dwyane Wade trying to trick the referees by flinging his leg out on a jumpshot and falling to the ground when it makes contact with Celtics guard Mikael Pietrus.

It's Danilo Gallinari "flailing" and holding his face in a football-style, "gross over-embellishment" — the league's own words — after running into a screen by the Lakers' Pau Gasol. Those were some of the examples the NBA used in a video sent to players and teams describing what exactly will be subject to fines this season in the first year of a new program aimed at curbing the kind of deceptive, and sometimes downright laughable, acting jobs that made Ray Allen's performance in "He Got Game" appear Oscar-worthy.

And the video didn't even include the hilarious attempted double dupe from Oklahoma City's James Harden and San Antonio's Manu Ginobili on the same play in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals last season.

Floppers beware. The league is coming for you, and your money, this season.

The NBA season begins on Tuesday with three games — Washington at Cleveland, Boston at Miami and Dallas at the Los Angeles Lakers — and for



Phoenix Suns' Luis Scola (14) falls to the floor as he chases a loose ball with Golden State Warriors' Jarrett Jack during the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, in Oakland, Calif. Associated Press

the first time, the players will face the possibility of stiff punishment for trying to trick the referees into a foul that wasn't warranted. Commissioner David Stern issued an edict that he hopes will make flopping go the way of the four-corner offense and the short shorts.

The tactic has been prevalent for years — Pacers sharpshooter Reggie Miller and Kings center Vlade Divac were among the more creative floppers of the previous generation — as players looked for any edge they could get to swing the outcome in their favor. At full speed and with bodies everywhere, determining which players were flopping and which were making good basketball plays in the blink of an eye proved to be incredibly

difficult for referees.

The league is trying to give them some help.

Officials will monitor games and review plays that could have included an egregious flop after the game is over. Everyone gets one warning, but after that, the bills start piling up. The second offense will cost a player \$5,000, a third will go to \$10,000. Four flops and it's \$15,000 and a fifth will be a whopping \$30,000. "I hope that they give the offensive floppers the same amount of time and dedication that they're going to give the defensive floppers," said Heat forward Shane Battier, who has been accused of flopping ever since his days at Duke at the turn of the century. "Because flopping's a problem. Flopping is a silent killer. It really is a silent killer. It'll be interesting to see

how they administer that." Some think it's been a long time coming. Miller pioneered the move that Wade used in that video, kicking his leg out as he released his jumper to draw contact and try to force a call from an official. Paul Pierce has attempted over 8,500 free throws in his career thanks in part to coercing officials into blowing a whistle as he drives to the basket. And Divac nearly led the Kings to an upset of the Lakers while hitting the deck every time Shaquille O'Neal even brushed against him in the paint.

"Back in the '80s, they didn't flop," said the Lakers' Metta World Peace. "Flopping is very stupid. It's not even basketball. I don't know who taught people to flop. It's ridiculous. Just make the right call. But it's not my league. I think it looks bad on TV, too. When you're in the playoffs and somebody flops, and there's all this money on the line, it's terrible."

Which flops will be deemed worthy of punishment and which will be allowed to slide? Which types of flops will draw the most attention? Trying to draw charges on defense? Embellishing in hopes of getting to the free throw line on offense?

"My fear is that they're going to find some fresh Harvard Business School intern in the league office to be the flop reviewer — flop czar, the flop czar! — fresh out of the HBS and his or her highest level of basketball probably will be intramural," Battier said. "And they're making some potentially lucrative financial decisions. So I



Novak Djokovic of Serbia holds the champion trophy during the award ceremony of the men's singles title of at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Sunday Oct. 14, 2012.

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Djokovic to finish year as No. 1

LONDON (AP) — The ATP says Novak Djokovic has clinched the year-end No. 1 ranking in men's tennis. Djokovic lost the top spot to Roger Federer in July but will return to No. 1 next week. The ATP says Federer will drop points from his 2011 title wins at the Swiss Indoors and Paris Masters. He lost in the Swiss Indoors final Sunday to Juan Martin del Potro, and then pulled out of next week's Paris tourna-

ment. The ATP says Federer will not be able to earn enough points to finish the year ahead of Djokovic. The 25-year-old Serb will become the first player to finish No. 1 in consecutive years since Federer did it four straight times from 2004-07. Djokovic will be officially crowned as the year-end No. 1 during a presentation at the World Tour Finals in London next week. □

Benneteau downs Troicki 6-4, 7-5 at Paris Masters

PARIS (AP) — Julien Benneteau was among three French winners in the opening round of the Paris Masters on Monday, downing Victor Troicki of Serbia 6-4, 7-5 to set up a match against countryman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Benneteau broke twice in each set despite Troicki serving 14 aces.

The other local winners were Gilles Simon and Benoit Paire. Simon beat 2006 Australian Open finalist Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 7-5, 6-1, and Paire defeated Pablo Andujar of Spain 6-3, 6-4.

Tsonga, seeded sixth and the 2008 champion, is among the favorites for the event.

Novak Djokovic might withdraw to ensure he is fit for the World Tour Finals in London next week. The Serb, who has clinched the year-end No. 1 ranking, canceled a meet-and-greet session with fans on Monday as he wasn't "feeling well."

The tournament is already without defending champion Roger Federer, who pulled out Sunday to rest before the season-ending event.

U.S. Open winner Andy Murray, who recently lost



France's Julien Benneteau returns the ball to Viktor Troicki of Serbia during their match at the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012.

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the Shanghai Masters final to Djokovic, will play on Wednesday and is feeling fit.

"I had a full week of rest after Shanghai, which I needed," Murray said. "I've had a pretty decent preparation for the tournament, which is good."

"It doesn't make sense to come and save energy.

Having a full week of rest at this stage of the season is something that in the past I hadn't really had, so I feel so much fresher coming into Paris than I had done the last few years. I'll try to play my best this week and then see what happens in London. I feel better at this stage of the year compared with last year." □

Galaxy top Seattle 1-0 in regular-season finale

CARSON, California (AP) — Mike Magee scored from a Robbie Keane pass in the 83rd minute as the Los Angeles Galaxy hurt Seattle's playoff position with a 1-0 victory over the Sounders in the Major League Soccer regular-season finale.

The Galaxy got a late goal from a veteran substitute to win a game with much more importance for Seattle.

Los Angeles had already clinched fourth place in the Western Conference

and will host the Vancouver Whitecaps on Thursday in a one-game knockout playoff for the right to face top-seeded San Jose in the conference semifinals.

The loss left Seattle in third place in the West with 56 points, allowing Real Salt Lake to finish second with 57 points. In other matches, Chivas USA drew 2-2 at FC Dallas, while Columbus earned a 2-1 home win over Toronto FC. Laurent Courtois and Juan Agudelo scored in extra time to lift

Chivas into the draw with Dallas in their final match of the season. Jackson and Fabian Castillo scored for Dallas, which finished sixth in the Western Conference. Chivas USA closed the season with a club-record winless streak of 14 games and finished last in the Western Conference. Courtois scored his first goal of the season in the first minute of added time to trim FC Dallas' lead to 2-1 and Agudelo earned the draw three minutes later. □

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Johnson wins at Martinsville, takes points lead

By HANK KURZ Jr.

AP Sports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP)

-- Jimmie Johnson's expectations are high at Martinsville Speedway, and his results keep showing why.

The five-time series champion raced to his seventh career victory on NASCAR's trickiest oval Sunday, and the triumph helped him erase a seven-point deficit and supplant Brad Keselowski as the points leader with three events remaining.

But before handing Johnson the title, he cautioned, there's plenty of racing yet to do.

"I'm ecstatic about the win today and ecstatic about the points lead, but this is no cake-walk," Johnson said after the 59th victory of his career and fourth this season. "These guys are bringing their best each and every week. ... The next two races will tell the tale. Anything can happen. We could both wad it up next week and Clint Bowyer is your champion."

Johnson moved two points ahead of Keselowski, who finished sixth for his highest career showing at the track. The series next moves to Texas and Phoenix before finishing up at Homestead-Miami.

"I know this championship's going to come down to Homestead," Keselowski said. "You've just got to be in position to where you've got a shot at it and we're doing the things it's going to take."

Both drivers needed only to look at Denny Hamlin's day to be reminded that things can go south fast. Hamlin seemed poised to get in the thick of it, and then had an electrical problem that

sent him to a 33rd place finish and out of contention.

"When these things happen, you've just got to suck it up and move on," Hamlin said. "There's nothing I can do about it. One of these days it's going to be our time. It's just not right now."

Keselowski's day was nowhere near as adventurous as Hamlin's, but effective all the same.

He started 32nd, methodically worked his way forward, and was never really a factor until he took a late gamble to grab the lead - and a crucial bonus point. He was leading the race briefly when a caution flag flew and he and Dale Earnhardt Jr. opted to stay out, then watched as the other 16 lead-lap cars all headed for pit road for fresh tires.

"I think we've learned a lesson here in the past not pitting late, and that certainly came into play," Johnson said. "I felt like it was going to be a problem for him. We've been there before and stayed out and got beat."

When the race went back to green with 19 laps to go, Keselowski was a sitting duck whose best bet was to hang on for as long as he could and then avoid any Martinsville mayhem that cropped up in a furious dash to the finish.

He said the decision to stay out was his own, and he was shocked no one else followed.

"It's at the end of the race and half the field had just pitted 20 or 30 laps ago," Keselowski said. "If I was running 15th, I would have stayed out. I would have put 'em in my shoes and said by golly, I would have



Jimmie Johnson celebrates his win in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Martinsville, Va.

Associated Press

stayed out. None of those guys did and I don't know why. Well Dale (Earnhardt) Jr. did. He had some sense. It just wasn't meant to be." Johnson, who led eight times for 193 laps, passed him on lap 487 on his way to making the race a bonus points bonanza. He got one for leading a lap, one for leading the most laps and three for the victory, wiping out a seven-point deficit.

Busch was second, followed by Kasey Kahne, Aric Almirola, Bowyer, Keselowski, Jeff Gordon and Brian Vickers.

On the final restart, Busch said he was trying to avoid spinning Johnson heading into turn one, but nudged him. Johnson slowed, and Busch too, and "when I went back to the gas, I spun my tires and got loose, and he squirted away from me."

Bowyer also had a great car, leading 154 laps, and Gordon led 92.

While the championship

race tightened at the top, it also eliminated Hamlin, who seemed poised to get in the thick of it, and then had an electrical problem that sent him to a 33rd-place finish and out of title contention.

Until the problems arose, Hamlin had put on a clinic

about how to pass cars on the 0.526-mile oval.

"When these things happen, you've just got to suck it up and move on," Hamlin said. "There's nothing I can do about it. One of these days it's going to be our time. It's just not right now." □

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Personal Health:

There's homework to do on school lunches

JANE E. BRODY

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Nutritionists and health-conscious parents applauded when last year the Department of Agriculture finally set new standards for the nation's school lunches in an effort to foster good health and counter the epidemic of obesity afflicting youngsters.

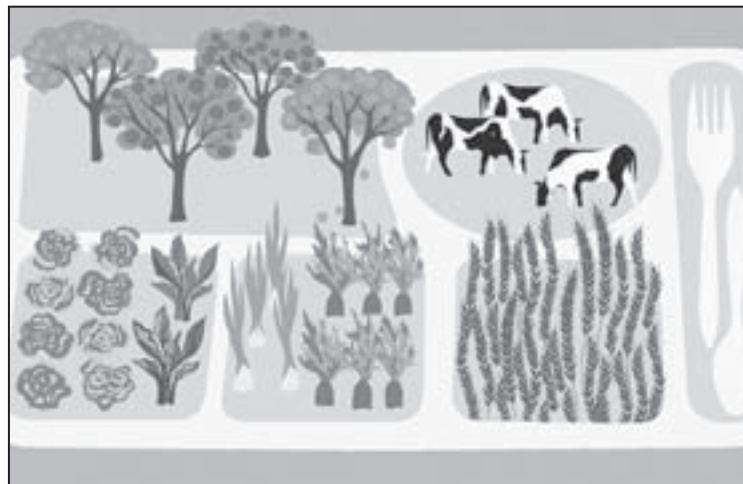
The makeover – the first major improvement in the nutritional quality of school meals in 15 years – expands access to fresh fruits and vegetables for children at lunch and snack time. For the first time, both fruits and vegetables must be served daily and should make up two-thirds of lunch.

Depending on the child's age, daily fruit servings range from half a cup to a full cup, and daily vegetables from three-fourths of a cup to one cup.

The amount of meat or meat alternative should be the size of the palm of a child's hand. At least half of grains should be whole, milk must be nonfat or 1 percent, and only nonfat

milk can be flavored.

This is a vast improvement over the mystery dishes loaded with fat and flour and the mushy, overcooked vegetables that long defined school lunch.



New nutritional standards for meals in the nation's public schools are not going down well with many students, but sensible and consistent strategies at home and in school can win them over.
(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

Having seen the offerings when my sons were in school, I chose to give them lunch from home until they went off to college. They learned that foods that were good for them could also taste good, a

lesson retained for nearly 40 years.

But the new school lunch menu, it seems, is not going down well with many school-age diners, who are tossing the mandated fruits

outside purveyors, where the typical choices include chips, candy, cookies, pizza, hot dogs, burgers, fries and sugary soft drinks.

In a 2010 study, published in what was then called The Journal of the American Dietetic Association, researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that among a representative sample of 4,322 students in 73 Florida middle schools, 18 percent bought a snack or beverage from a vending machine two or more times a week instead of school lunch.

BREAKING OLD HABITS

Of course, no matter the menu, schoolchildren have long been known to discard some or all of the food they are served at lunch and to grab some sweet or caloric snack to suppress their hunger. E

ven those who bring lunch from home often trade or give away the most nutritious items that caring parents put in their lunchboxes. But complaints about

school lunch and resulting waste have clearly escalated with the revised meal plan.

Despite decades of education about healthy eating, too many U.S. children still snub their noses at fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans and peas.

There are many possible reasons for this sad turn of events.

Many parents, pressed for time, money or both, don't introduce their children to foods that foster good nutrition and a healthy weight, allowing them instead to feast mainly on produce-poor fast foods that are high in fat, calories and salt.

When families rely on packaged or store-prepared meals, children grow up familiar with the Golden Arches but know little about where foods come from, how they are prepared and how delicious fresh foods can be. And with family meals only a sometime event in many households, children don't get to learn by example from seeing what their parents eat.

Instead of expecting children to eat what is set before them, as most did in my generation, parents have become short-order cooks, serving children only what they like. Yet studies have shown that children typically require repeated exposure to once-rejected foods before they acquire a taste for them.

Few schools provide inviting introductions to the changes in school lunch and don't prepare the new foods in tasty, attractive ways that might tempt reluctant diners.

All is not lost.

It may take time, but with sensible and consistent strategies at home and in school, children can adjust to the changes in the lunch program and learn to enjoy them.

Acceptance necessarily starts with the foods and drinks that are purchased and served at home. □

New UN "atlas" links climate change, health

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Two U.N. agencies have mapped the intersection of health and climate in an age of global warming, showing that there are spikes in meningitis when dust storms hit and outbreaks of dengue fever when hard rains come. Officials said Monday that their "Atlas of Health and Climate" is meant to be a tool for leaders to use to get early warning of disease outbreaks. Though the data or conclusions aren't necessarily new, the way in which they are presented may sharpen governments' ability to respond to the threats posed by rising temperatures and changing climate. Since 2005, for example, the atlas shows that the weekly number of cases of meningitis, which is spread

by bacteria and germs, has risen when the dry season hits sub-Saharan Africa, where it has killed an estimated 25,000 people over the past 10 years. And since at least 1998, there has been a strong seasonal pattern of dengue fever, transmitted by mosquitoes, during periods of heavy rainfall in tropical and subtropical areas, killing about 15,000 people a year.

The joint project of the World Health Organization and World Meteorological Organization, both based in Geneva, says the likelihood of increasingly frequent heat waves hitting the planet is four to 10 times as often by 2050 — and they will probably most affect the fast-growing vulnerable populations of aging and urban people particularly in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.



Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Margaret Chan, left, and Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Michel Jarraud pose for the media with the Atlas Of Health And Climate, a manual which provides a practical guide to "climate-sensitive diseases" that decision-makers and leaders can use as a tool for prevention, during a presentation for the media at the International Conference Center in Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012.

Associated Press

"Many diseases including malaria, dengue, meningitis — just a few examples — these are what we call climate-sensitive diseases, because such climate dimensions for rainfall, humidity and temperature

would influence the epidemics, the outbreaks, either directly influencing the parasites or the mosquitoes that carry them," said Dr. Margaret Chan, the director-general of the U.N. health agency. □

Poll: Scant demand for Microsoft's Windows 8



A Microsoft store product advisor displays the new Surface tablet computer as customers enter the store as it opens Friday, Oct. 26, 2012 in Seattle.

Associated Press

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Microsoft bills Windows 8 as a "re-imagining" of the personal computer market's dominant operating system, but the company still has a lot of work to do before the makeover captures the imagination of most consumers, based on the results of a recent poll by The Associated Press and GfK.

The phone survey of nearly 1,200 adults in the U.S. found 52 percent hadn't even heard of Windows 8 leading up to Friday's release of the redesigned software. Among the people who knew something about the new operating system, 61 percent had little or no interest in buying a new laptop or desktop computer running on Windows 8, according to the poll. And only about a third of the people who've heard about the new system believe it will be an improvement (35 percent).

Chris Dionne of Waterbury, Connecticut, falls into that camp. The 43-year-old engineer had already seen Windows 8 and it didn't persuade him to abandon or upgrade his Hewlett-Packard laptop running on Windows 7, the previous version of the operating system released in 2009.

"I am not real thrilled they are changing things around," Dionne said. "Windows 7 does everything I want it to.

Where is the return on my investment to learn a new OS?"

Microsoft usually releases

a new version of Windows every two or three years, but it's different this time around. Windows 8 is the most radical redesign of the operating system since 1995 and some analysts consider the software to be Microsoft's most important product since co-founder Bill Gates won the contract to build an operating system for IBM Corp.'s first personal computer in 1981.

Microsoft is hoping the way Windows 8 looks and operates will appeal to the growing number of people embracing the convenience of smartphones and tablets. The consumer ambivalence, however, was even more pronounced when it came to Microsoft's new tablet computer, Surface, which was built to show off Windows 8's versatility. Sixty-nine percent of the poll's respondents expressed little or no interest in buying a Surface, which Microsoft is hoping will siphon sales from Apple Inc.'s pioneering iPad and other popular tablets such as Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire and Google Inc.'s Nexus 7.

The results indicate Microsoft still has work to do to create a bigger buzz about Windows 8 and help consumers understand the new operating system's benefits, even though the company provided several previews of the software at various stages in the final 13 month leading to its release. But the information apparently resonated mostly with industry analysts, reporters, technology blogs and gadget geeks. □

Google unveils another phone, larger Nexus tablet



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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google is cramming a few more gadgets on to already crowded holiday shopping lists.

The devices announced Monday include the latest in Google's line of Nexus smartphones and a larger version of the 7-inch Nexus 7 tablet, which the company began selling in July under the Nexus brand.

It's also adding cellular capabilities to the Nexus 7 and doubling the capacity of existing models.

The Nexus 4 smartphone is being made by LG Electronics Inc. and features a minor update to Google's Android operating system, which now powers more than 500 million devices worldwide. A more comprehensive upgrade, known as Key Lime Pie, is expected next year. The version of Android affected by these changes is known as Jelly Bean.

The larger Nexus tablet is being made by Samsung Electronics Co. and features a display screen that measures about 10 inches diagonally, about the same size as Apple Inc.'s top-selling iPad.

With these additions to its product lineup, Google joins a procession of companies selling a gamut of sleek and powerful computing devices in different

shapes and sizes. Some are smartphones and other are tablet computers, but they all aim to cater to people's growing interest to have easily portable devices that can be used to connect to the Internet, take pictures, watch video and read books, magazines and newspapers.

Google's Nexus devices will be competing with gadgets from such companies as Apple Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Barnes & Noble Inc., Samsung and Microsoft Corp. Microsoft released a new tablet called Surface last week and launched new software for phones on Monday.

Google's introduction of a larger tablet comes less than a week after Apple announced it's making a smaller, less expensive iPad, with a 7.9-inch display, to compete with the Nexus 7 and Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire. The iPad Mini will be available in stores Friday.

Some analysts have questioned whether consumers will balk at the iPad Mini's \$329 price for a device with 16 gigabytes of storage. Google is widening the price difference between the iPad Mini and its smaller tablet by cutting \$50 off the price of a comparable, 16-gigabyte Nexus 7, to \$199.

The 8-gigabyte version, which had sold for \$199, will

be discontinued.

A Nexus 7 with 32 gigabytes of storage is being introduced for \$249 in an apparent effort to discourage even more people from buying the iPad Mini. The cheapest Nexus 7 is still pricier than the Kindle Fire, which starts at \$159 for a no-frills model.

The Nexus 7 tablets will continue to be sold at Google's Play store online as well as such retailers as GameStop, Office Depot, Office Max, Staples, Wal-Mart.

The Nexus 10 tablet with 16 gigabytes of storage will sell for \$399. That's \$100 less than the comparable version of the latest iPad, though the older iPad 2 is still available at that price. The Nexus goes on sale in Google's online store Nov. 13.

The Nexus 4 phone boasts a 4.7-inch screen, larger than Apple's recently released iPhone 5 and just slightly smaller than Samsung's flagship phone, the Galaxy S III.

A 16-gigabyte model of the Nexus 4 will sell for \$199 with a two-year contract to buy phone service and Internet access from T-Mobile. A contract-free version is available for \$299 with 8 gigabytes of storage and \$349 for the 16-gigabyte model. Google is touting the Nexus 4's wireless charging capability as a major selling point. □

Sandy will keep financial markets closed Tuesday

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock trading will be closed in the U.S. for a second day Tuesday as Hurricane Sandy bears down on the East Coast. Bond trading will also be closed.

The last time the New York Stock Exchange was closed for weather was in 1985 because of Hurricane Gloria, and it will be the first time since 1888 that the exchange will have been closed for two consecutive days because of weather. The cause then was a blizzard that left drifts as high as 40 feet (12 meters) in the streets of New York City.

The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq said they intend to reopen on Wednesday and would keep investors updated.

Much of the East Coast was at a standstill Monday as the storm approached. Mass transit and schools were closed across the region ahead of the storm hitting land, which was expected to happen later Monday.

Areas around New York's Financial District were part of a mandatory evacuation zone. The storm surge is already pushing water over seawalls in the southern tip of Manhattan.

CME Group's New York trading floor was closed, but its electronic markets for commodities were functioning. Crude oil fell 74 cents to close at \$85.54

in electronic trading. CME said electronic trading for commodities would also be open Tuesday.

Bond trading will be closed Tuesday. The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association called for

fared worse than other stocks as investors worried about the potential cost of the storm's damage.

lease of monthly jobs data, which many analysts think could have an impact on the vote.

"A significant swing in either direction is likely to be heavily reported in the media, potentially swinging the undecided voter," said James Hughes, chief market analyst at Alpari, of the jobs figures.

Some companies are postponing quarterly earnings reports scheduled for release early this week. So far, that includes Pfizer Inc. and Thomson Reuters. Burger King reported on schedule, and said its third-quarter net income fell 83 percent as revenue was hurt by the stronger dollar. Adjusted results topped expectations, however.

Even with many markets shut down, there was some encouraging news about the U.S. economy Monday. The Commerce Department reported that consumer spending increased 0.8 percent in September. That followed a 0.5 percent gain in August and was the best showing since February.

Personal income rose 0.4 percent, an improvement from a slight 0.1 percent gain in August and the best gain since March. It's a closely watched indicator as consumer spending drives about 70 percent of the nation's economic activity. □



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(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

CME said it would reopen its stock index futures trading Monday night at 6 p.m. ET for overnight electronic trading and keep it open through 9:15 a.m. Tuesday. Trading on interest rate futures and options on futures including Treasuries, Euro-dollar and Fed Funds would reopen at the same time Monday night and stay open Tuesday.

an early close to bond trading Monday, at 12 noon. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note was 1.72 percent, compared with 1.75 percent late Friday. European stock markets fell. France's CAC-40 fell 0.8 percent, Britain's FTSE fell 0.2 percent and Germany's DAX lost 0.4 percent. Insurers such as Munich Re, Aviva PLC and Zurich Insurance

"The economic impact cannot be underestimated," said Elsa Lignos, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets.

The uncertainty generated by the storm comes at the start of a big week in the United States. This is the last full week before next Tuesday's presidential election and culminates Friday with the re-

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Amid turnaround push, Burger King's profits slide

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AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Burger King's net income fell 83 percent in the third quarter as the world's second biggest hamburger chain sold off more of its restaurants to franchisees as part of a turnaround push. But the company's adjusted results topped Wall Street expectations, and its shares advanced.

The private investment firm that owns a majority stake in the fast-food chain, 3G Capital, has been working to put the shine back in Burger King's crown since purchasing it in 2010. The firm has been shifting to an entirely franchisee-owned model to cut down on overhead costs and boost profit margins.

The U.S.-based chain that has more than 12,600 locations worldwide.

For the quarter, Burger King said global revenue at stores open at least a year rose 1.4 percent. In the U.S. and Canada, the figure rose 1.6 percent.

CEO Bernardo Hees said sales at restaurants open at least a year are showing signs of picking up again for the fourth quarter. The sales figure is a key metric because it strips out the impact of newly opened and closed locations.

For the three months ended Sept. 30, net income fell to \$6.6 million, or 2 cents per share. That compares with \$38.8 million, or 11 cents per share, last year. Net income excluding one-items totaled 17 cents per share. Analysts expected 15 cents per share, according to FactSet.

Revenue fell 26 percent to \$451.1 million, but was

above the \$439.7 million Wall Street expected.

Much of the revenue decrease came from Burger King selling restaurants to franchisees, which means the company no longer includes sales from those stores on its books. As of Sept. 30, Burger King said 95 percent of its restaurants were owned by franchisees; the goal is to eventually reach 100 percent.

Organic revenue, which excludes the impact of re-franchising and exchange rates, was flat.

In the region encompassing Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Burger King said sales at established restaurants rose 1.8 percent, driven by double-digit growth in Russia. Performance in Southern Europe was softer amid a weaker economic climate, the company said. In Latin America and the

Caribbean, Burger King said sales at established restaurants rose 2.7 percent. In the Asia Pacific re-



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gion, the sales figure fell by 2.2 percent as weak performances in Australia and Korea dragged down results.

In addition to reviving its image at home, Burger King is increasingly focusing on international growth. The

company has struck deals to expand in China and Russia through partnerships with franchisees. Over the

past year, the vast majority of Burger King's new stores have been in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Burger King Worldwide Inc.'s third-quarter results are the second since it began trading again on the New York Stock Exchange in June. As part of a complex deal to return Burger King to the public market, 3G sold a minority stake in the chain to Justice Holdings Inc., a London-based shell that was specifically set up to invest in another company, 3G Capital, which more than earned back the \$3.26 billion it paid for Burger King through the sale, has agreed to hold onto its stake in the chain for at least six months. Justice agreed to hold onto its shares for at least a year.

Burger King's shares were up almost 2 percent at \$14.95 □

Earnings reports postponed due to weather

NEW YORK (AP) — A number of major U.S. companies postponed quarterly earnings reports scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, as Hurricane Sandy barreled into the East Coast and caused the first unplanned shutdown of financial markets since 2001.

Pfizer Inc., Thomson Reuters Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc., Tesla Motors Inc., Spirit Airlines Inc. and NRG Energy Inc. are among those holding financial reports until later this week.

Pfizer, Avon Products Inc., and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., which were due to report Tuesday, will announce results Thursday. Thomson Reuters,

also originally scheduled for Tuesday, will report Friday. NRG and McGraw-Hill Cos. will also report on Friday instead of Wednesday.

More companies delaying their announcements:

— Power provider Entergy Corp. will report on Nov. 5 instead of Tuesday.

— Biopharmaceutical Acorda Therapeutics Inc. will report results on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

— Maintenance products distributor MSC Industrial Direct Co. will report results on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

— Mortgage insurer Radian Group Inc. will report earnings on Thursday instead of Tuesday.

— Rudolph Technologies Inc., which makes measurement and process control software, will report results on Wednesday instead of Monday.

— Satellite radio provider Sirius XM Radio Inc. will report on Thursday instead of Tuesday.

— Commercial mortgage real estate investment trust Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance Inc. will report on Thursday instead of Tuesday.

— Office Depot Inc. will report on Nov. 6 instead of Tuesday.

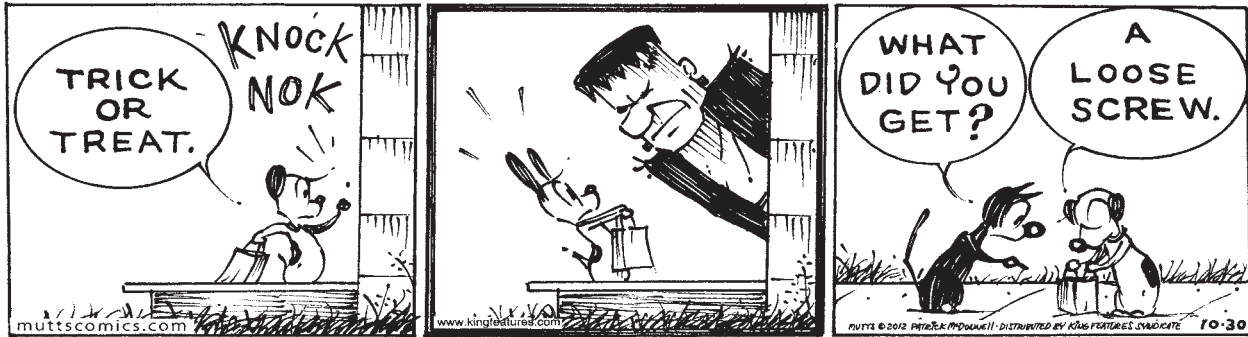
At least 26 other companies also announced that they were postponing earnings announcements.

Some companies, including Burger King Worldwide Inc., Valero Energy Corp. and MasterCard Inc., are reporting as planned. Luggage maker Tumi Holdings Inc. said it will report its third-quarter results on Monday, but canceled its scheduled conference call because of Sandy.

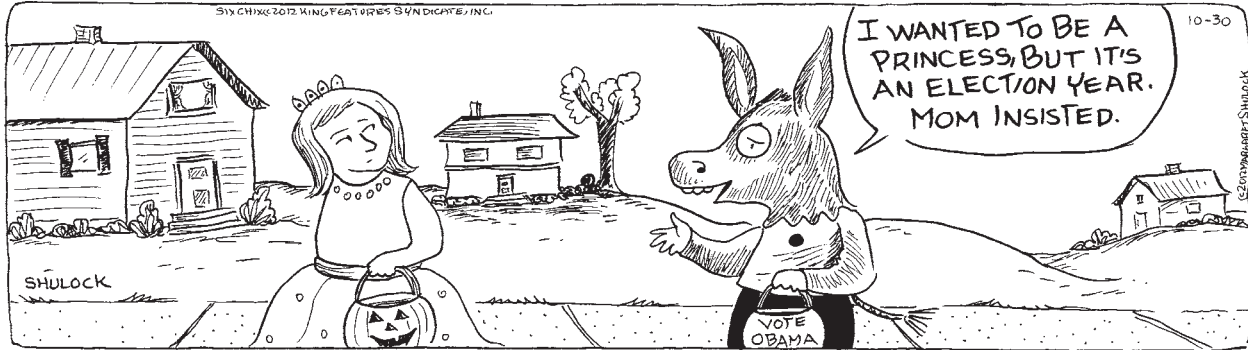
Flooring and ceiling maker Armstrong World Industries Inc. posted its third-quarter results, but said it would reschedule its conference call to a later date.

Liberty Mutual Holding Co. canceled its conference call scheduled for Tuesday and said its financial results will be available on its web site as soon as possible. □

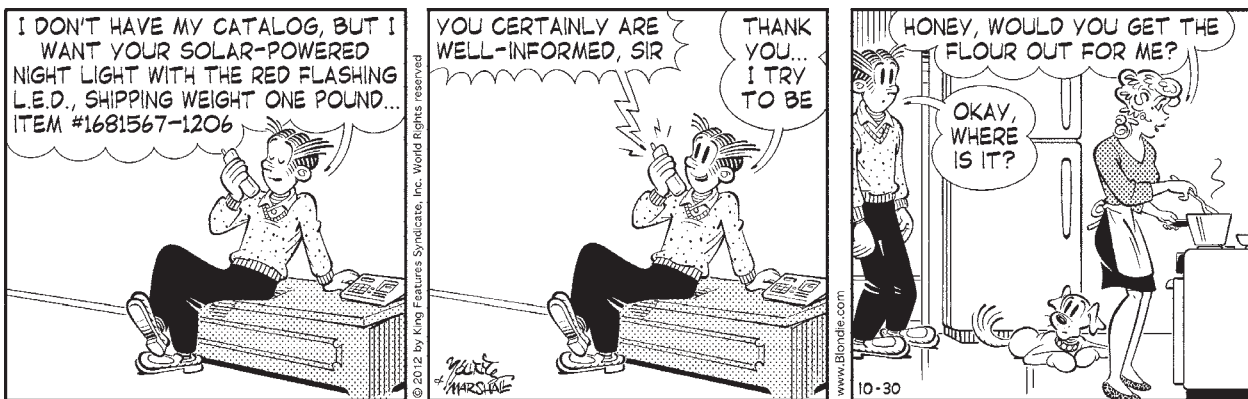
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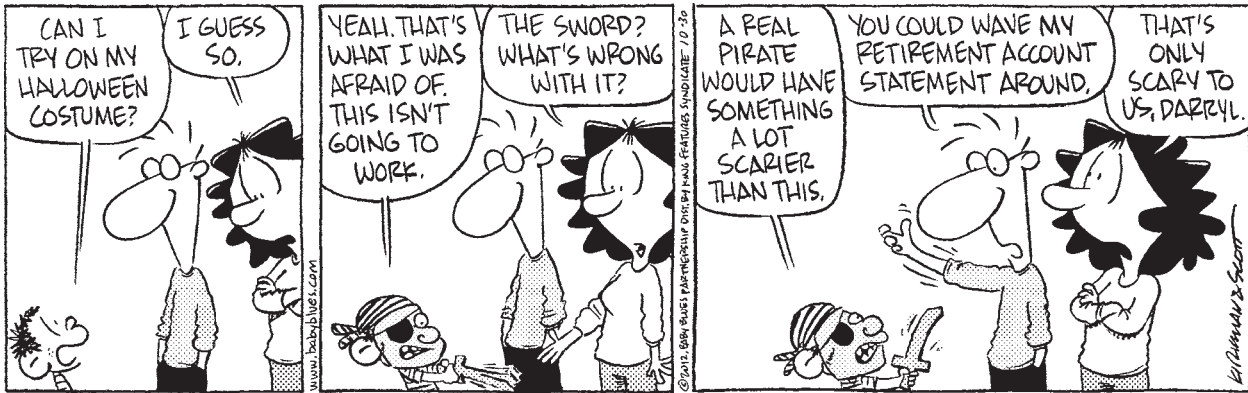
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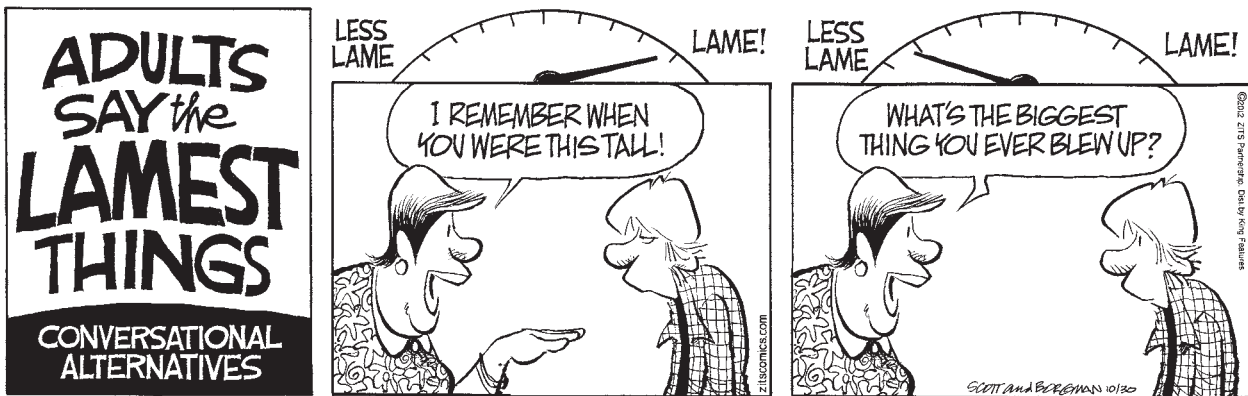
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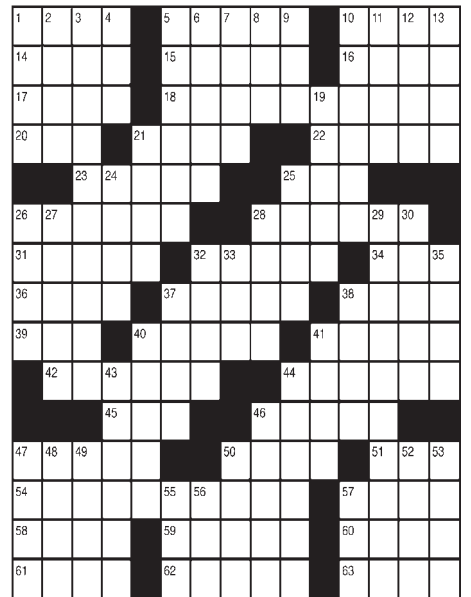
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Layoffs, perks, labor costs trap French govt

LORI HINNANT

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The 35-hour work week? Untouchable. The social safety net? Un-trimmable.

So how on earth can France's Socialist government keep its promise to make this country, and Europe, more competitive in the global marketplace? Slowly and carefully, President Francois Hollande says.

After meetings with world finance chiefs Monday, he acknowledged "there are measures to take" on reducing the cost of labor in France, among the world's highest — but said they "should be spread out over time."

Many economists say France could be running out of time, however, and that could have repercussions beyond its borders. Geographically and economically between Germany and Spain, France has allied with its northern neighbor to manage the eurozone crisis, but its huge state debts and chronic unemployment are making it look increasingly like struggling Spain.

The head of the World Trade Organization said that "it's particularly urgent" for France to loosen up its economy. "This link among growth, competitiveness and jobs ... is the major problem of France and to a certain degree Europe right now," Pascal Lamy told Hollande at the Monday meeting.

The French government is hoping that gradual change is the way to go, and that a series of private meetings and cautious public statements in recent days will mollify both fearful workers and employers who say it's no longer worth the cost to hire.

"It's not going to be a question of shocking or brutalizing the French economy," Economics Minister Pierre Moscovici said Friday. "It's going to be continuous action, spread over our entire mandate."

The WTO promotes free trade and has criticized

government intervention in big French companies, saying France should stop protecting its industry.

But after Hollande was elected in May, the Socialists' first response to France's lagging economy was to create an agency essentially dedicated to meddling: the Ministry of Industrial Recovery. That

failed to keep unemployment from rising, or some of France's biggest corporations from announcing thousands more layoffs — including carmaker Peugeot Citroen, Air France and retail giant Carrefour. Hollande then asked one of the country's most respected businessmen, former Airbus chairman Louis

Gallois, to spend months drawing up plans to make France more competitive. But as reports leaked over the past week about the report's recommendations — rethinking the controversial 35-hour week, shifting some of the tax burden to workers, cutting public spending — the government swiftly distanced itself.

"I'd advise against the idea of a shock, which has more of an attention-getting effect than a real therapeutic effect," Hollande said Thursday. Without offering details, he said he would prefer a "pact" among the government, workers and employers.

France has only to look south to neighboring Spain for reasons to go slowly with major labor reforms. Spain, facing the possibility of default, had little choice but to impose stark reforms, but the results have been dire: Tens of thousands of people joined anti-government protests as unemployment hit 25 percent. □



Chief Executive Officer of Solvay Jean pierre Clamadieu, right, GDF Suez Chief Executive, Gerard Mestrallet, left, and Chief Executive of Imerys Gilles Michel, react with media after their meeting with French Prime Minister Jean Marc Ayrault, unseen, in the Matignon Palace in Paris, Monday October 29 2012. The French government is hoping that gradual change is the way to go, and that a series of private meetings and cautious public statements in recent days will mollify both fearful workers and employers who say it's no longer worth the cost to hire. That failed to keep unemployment from rising, or some of France's biggest corporations from announcing thousands more layoffs, including carmaker Peugeot Citroen, Air France and retail giant Carrefour.

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Reports: UK rocker arrested as part of Savile case

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Police investigating child sex abuse allegations against the late BBC television host Jimmy Savile arrested former glam rock star and convicted sex offender Gary Glitter on Sunday, British media reported, raising further questions about whether Savile was at the center of a broader pedophile ring. Police would not directly identify the suspect arrested Sunday, but media including the BBC and Press Association reported he was the 68-year-old Glitter. The musician, whose real name is Paul Gadd, made it big with the crowd-pleasing hit "Rock & Roll (Part 2)," a mostly instrumental anthem that has been a staple at American sporting events, thanks to its catchy "hey" chorus. But he fell into disgrace after being convicted on child abuse charges in Vietnam.

Sunday's arrest was the first in a widening scandal over Savile's alleged sex crimes, which started garnering attention earlier this month when a television documentary showed several women claiming that Savile abused them when they were teenagers. Hundreds of potential victims have since come forward to report similar claims to police against Savile, a much-loved children's TV presenter and disc jockey who died at the age of 84 last year.

Most have alleged abuse by Savile, but some said they were abused by Savile and others. Most claimed they were assaulted in their early teens.

The scandal has raised questions about whether the BBC, the publicly funded and trusted broadcaster, had ignored crimes it suspected over several decades. Its executives have apologized and vowed to uncover the true scale of the alleged abuse.

"The BBC's reputation is on the line," Chris Patten, the chairman of the BBC



Former pop star Gary Glitter returns to his house in central London, Sunday, Oct. 28 2012.

Associated Press

Trust, wrote in The Mail on Sunday newspaper. "The BBC risks squandering public trust because one of its stars over three decades was apparently a sexual criminal ... and because others — BBC employees and hangers-on — may also have been involved." On Sunday, the BBC and Sky News showed footage of Glitter, who wore a hat, a dark coat and sunglasses, being taken from his home by officers and driven away.

Police would not directly identify the suspect, but when asked about Glit-

ter a spokesman said the force arrested a man in his 60s early Sunday morning in London on suspicion of sexual offenses in connection with the Savile probe. He was released later Sunday and was due to return to a London police station in December for further questioning, police said. British police do not generally identify suspects under arrest by name until they are charged.

Glitter, known for his shiny jumpsuits and bouffant wigs, was jailed in Britain in 1999 for possessing child pornography, and con-

victed in 2006 in Vietnam of committing "obscene acts with children" — offenses involving girls aged 10 and 11. He was deported back to Britain in 2008.

In 2006, the NFL advised its football teams not to use the Glitter version of "Rock and Roll (Part 2)" at games. One witness recently told a BBC-TV show that she once saw Glitter having sex with a schoolgirl in Savile's dressing room at the broadcaster's TV center in the 1970s. Glitter has denied the allegations.

Police have said that though the majority of

cases it is investigating relate to Savile alone, some involve the entertainer and other unidentified suspects. In addition, some potential victims who reported abuse by Savile also told police about separate allegations against unidentified men that did not involve the BBC host.

The scandal has horrified Britain with revelations that Savile, the longtime host of the popular BBC shows "Top of the Pops" and "Jim will Fix It," allegedly cajoled and coerced vulnerable teens into having sex with him in his car, his camper van, and even in dingy dressing rooms on BBC premises. Police describe him as one of the worst sex offenders in recent history. The BBC has set up an independent inquiry into the corporation's culture and practices in the years Savile worked there.

It also launched a separate inquiry into why its managers shelved an investigation into the allegations.

But the scandal continues to put the broadcaster under pressure, and it seems likely that more people — either outside or inside the corporation — could be implicated.

"It could be the beginning of other high-profile arrests," Roy Greenslade, a journalism professor at London's City University, said in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday.

Max Clifford, a prominent public relations guru, claimed that dozens of celebrities from the 1960s and 1970s have approached him to express fear that they could be drawn into to the scandal and criticized for their hedonistic behavior in the past.

Greenslade said that while Glitter's arrest must be a huge concern to the BBC, it is too early to say that the broadcaster's reputation is in crisis.

"If any BBC employee is shown to be involved, then there would be a nosedive in public trust," he said. "But nothing at the moment has been proven." □



In this June 12, 2012 file photo, actor Tom Cruise poses for photographers as he is honored by The Friars Club and Friars Foundation at The Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

Associated Press

Prowler at Cruise's home turns out to be neighbor

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Police say a security guard at actor Tom Cruise's house used a stun gun on a would-be prowler, but the man turned out to be an intoxicated neighbor who may have mistakenly entered the property.

Lt. Lincoln Hoshino says the confrontation occurred at Cruise's Beverly Hills residence Sunday evening when the actor and his family weren't home.

The guard saw a man "climbing a fence to gain access to the property" and he used the stun gun to detain him for police.

The officer tells City News Service that the man was identified as a 41-year-old neighbor who lives in an adjacent property, and was intoxicated at the time.

The man was taken into custody for trespassing and treated at a hospital for any problems stemming from the stun gun. □

Green Day cancels 2012 dates, postpones '13 start

The Associated Press

Green Day is canceling the rest of its 2012 club schedule and postponing the start of its 2013 arena tour. Bass player Mike Dirnt says Billie Joe Armstrong's "well-being is our main concern" in the band's decision to clear the schedule through Feb. 8.

He says in a statement Monday that Armstrong is doing well in his attempt to shake substance abuse problems that emerged publicly in September, when the singer-guitarist had a profane meltdown onstage in Las Vegas.

The Grammy-winning punks also moved up the release date of "Tre," the third installment in a trilogy of albums released over a period of months. The al-



This Sept. 21, 2012 file photo released by Clear Channel shows Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day performing at the 2012 iHeartRadio Music Festival at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev.

Associated Press

bum will be released Dec. 11, more than a month ahead of schedule. □

Singer makes journey from bruising fullback to Figaro



In this Monday, Oct. 22, 2012 photo, Keith Miller, a former college and pro football athlete who transitioned from playing football to singing opera as a bass-baritone, laughs during an interview in New York.

Associated Press

VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Keith Miller was a bruising fullback out of the University of Colorado who never quite made it to the National Football League. He has, however, become a star at the Metropolitan Opera.

How Miller made the unlikely transition from football to the pinnacle of opera is an all-American story of reinvention, made all the more amazing by the fact that he had no formal musical training when he set out to become a singer.

"This is the real thing, this is the juice," says the 38-year-old Miller. "Instead of a number, you're a character, but the spirit of competition is the same, and you do it for the love of the art versus the love of the game."

It began almost by chance in 1994, while still at Colorado, when he took his girlfriend to see a traveling production of the Broadway musical "The Phantom of the Opera."

He was so enthralled that tears rolled down his face. He bought a CD and learned the songs. Then he got some real opera recordings, singing along in his bass-baritone

voice, "kind of like karaoke."

But it was still nothing more than a hobby. Singing along to "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Don Giovanni" was something he did to pass the time while the 6-foot, 265-pound Miller lifted weights, ran sprints and studied playbooks in pursuit of a pro football career.

Miller, a three-year starter at Colorado best known as a blocking back for 1994 Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam, bounced around the fringes of professional football. He played in the European league, the Arena Football League and U.S. spring football leagues, always keeping in shape for a possible shot with the NFL. In 2001, he was in Fargo, North Dakota, training for a workout with the Denver Broncos, when he saw a flier announcing an open opera audition for the Pine Mountain Music Festival in Michigan.

On a whim, he showed up. "I figured, what the heck!" he says, his voice rippling into a low laugh that echoes his rich singing bass. He performed the only aria he knew, from Mozart's "Don Giovanni." To his surprise, he got the job, plus

four other offers.

Miller then had to learn the whole part, poring over the score and picking out notes on a piano late into the night.

"It was like a baby learning to walk," he says.

He still had to be formally trained — for four years at Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts, a top grooming ground for future stars. Then, days before his 2006 graduation, came the decisive break.

He auditioned for the Met's Young Artist Development Program and didn't get in. Instead, the company actually hired him for Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," broadcast live in high definition to movie theaters worldwide.

He has now sung with the Washington National Opera, the Seattle Opera, and other companies across the country and in Italy, Britain and Canada, plus the New York Philharmonic and at Carnegie Hall.

This season, Miller appears at the Met in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera" ("A Masked Ball"), opening Nov. 8, followed by a global high-definition broadcast Dec. 8. □

Mad Men, Mad Women And Meat Loaf



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WASHINGTON — My sister, who was a secretary in the “Mad Men” era, is not worried that Republicans want to drag us back to being secretaries in the “Mad Men” era, as Tina Fey suggests.

Peggy is that most sought-after creature, an undecided woman who is a swing voter. She started as a blond concrete block in President Barack Obama’s female firewall, but like many other women, is now pondering divorcing him for the man who looks and darn well talks like a ‘50s sitcom dad.

She does not believe the economy is getting better, and she trusts Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan not to do anything radical on women’s reproductive rights or Medicare. She rejects my contention that Republicans in Congress would force them to; they see Mitt as an empty suit who would happily sign their far-right bills as long as he got Air Force One.

Our mom, a strict Catholic, taught us that it was immoral for a woman to be expected to carry a rapist’s baby for nine months. (Don’t even mention that rapists can assert parental rights in 31 states.)

But compassion is scant among the Puritan tribe of Republicans running now. As The Huffington Post reports, at least a dozen GOP Senate candidates oppose abortion for rape victims. The party platform calls for a constitutional amendment with no exceptions for rape, incest or the mother’s life.

Rep. Todd Akin, running against Sen. Claire McCaskill in Missouri, differentiated between rape and “legitimate rape,” implying that women would fake rape to get abortions, and suggested that women have a magic way not to get pregnant from rape.

Rep. Joe Walsh, running for reelection in Illinois, contended that “with advances in science and technology, ‘health of the mother’ has become a tool for abortions of any time or for any reason.” Appalled obstetricians ticked off a litany of life-threatening situations.

Last week, Richard Mourdock, a Senate candidate in Indiana, said in a debate that “even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen.” Mitt was certainly no profile in courage after Mourdock’s com-

ment blew up. He didn’t take back his endorsement. He hid from reporters on his plane, and even dodged his usual custom of giving a reporter a birthday hug. Instead, he broadcast a birthday message to her on the intercom from the safety of first class.

It shouldn’t be a surprise that many women support Romney, even though he has somersaulted on reproductive rights and his running mate sponsored a bill with Akin giving fertilized eggs the “legal and constitutional attributes and privileges of personhood.” Just as it shouldn’t be surprising that Romney has the support of a huge swath of blue-collar white men, even though he’s on a mission to make the 1 percent 100 percent able to indulge in car elevators.

Republicans are geniuses at getting people to vote against their own self-interest.

Hispanics, however, do not seem inclined to vote against their self-interest on immigration laws, and Obama is counting on that to buoy him.

After the draining W. years — when grumpy old men foolishly refought grumpy old wars — Obama was going to sweep us to modernity.

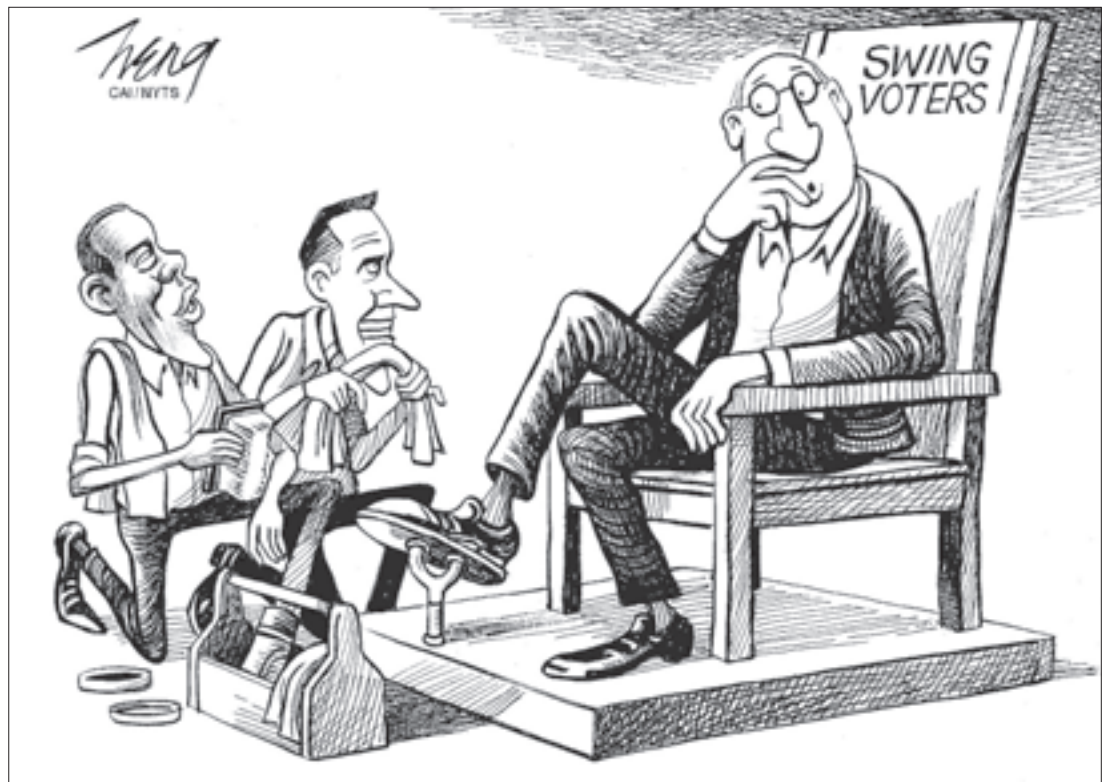
But, as the Republican strategist Alex Castellanos notes, “He gets to Washington and calls Larry Summers.” The only hope and change Obama could conjure this time was changing the period on his campaign slogan — “Forward.” — to an exclamation point.

Romney was right when he spoke at a rally in Iowa on Friday and said the president had made the election “about small, shiny objects.”

Mitt may have peaked too soon. Now he is left counting on what advisers call “the silent majority.” Obama’s support among white voters has dived, and news reports call this the most racially polarized race since 1988. John Sununu, shockingly still a Romney surrogate, offered another flash of thinly veiled racism when he suggested that Colin Powell endorsed the president because they both were black, a comment he recanted. Sarah Palin said Obama was guilty of “shuck and jive” on Benghazi.

The high-minded Obama is trying to be hip, trash-talking Mitt in Rolling Stone, going on MTV to chit-chat about hip-hop, joking with Jay Leno about his childhood in Kenya with Donald Trump. His campaign has a new ad with Lena Dunham, the creator of “Girls,” slyly comparing your first vote to “your first time.” The ad agitated some conservatives — one used Twitter to align Dunham and Obama with Satan — but was harmless. Ronald Reagan had a racier version 32 years ago.

Mitt hopes Americans are ready for some rules — and binders. He is baked in the fuddy-duddy dad image from the era when white men ruled and the little women toiled over a hot stove. □



Want A Real Reason To Be Outraged?



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The silliness began when Todd Akin claimed during his Senate campaign in Missouri that in the case of “legitimate rape,” women “shut that whole thing down” to prevent pregnancy. Then, a few days ago, Richard Mourdock of Indiana seemed to blame God for such pregnancies, saying this was “something God intended to happen.” I think God should sue him for defamation.

But our political system jumps all over verbal stupidity, while giving a pass to stupid policies. If we’re offended by insensitive words about rape, for example, shouldn’t we be incomparably more upset that rape kits are routinely left untested in the United States? And wouldn’t it be nice if Democrats, instead of just firing sound bites, tackled these underlying issues?

A bit of background: A rape kit is the evidence, including swabs with DNA, taken at a hospital from a woman’s (or man’s) body after a rape. Testing that DNA costs \$1,200 or more. Partly to save money, those rape kits often sit untested for years on the shelves of police storage rooms, particularly if the victim didn’t come outfitted with a halo.

By most accounts, hundreds of thousands of these untested kits are stacked up around the country. In Illinois, 80 percent of rape kits were going untested as of 2010, Human Rights Watch re-

ported at the time — embarrassing the state to begin a push to test all rape kits.

In Michigan, the Wayne County prosecutor, Kym Worthy, said she was shocked to discover more than 11,000 rape kits lying around untested — some dating to the 1980s. Worthy said that her office is now going through the backlog and testing those that are running into statute of limitations deadlines.

So far, of 153 kits tested, 21 match evidence in a criminal database and may involve serial rapists. But Worthy, who herself was raped while she was in law school, says the broader problem is indifference to sex crimes.

“Sexual assault is the stepchild of the law enforcement system,” she said. “When rape victims come into the criminal justice system, they are often treated poorly. They may be talked out of pursuing the case.”

The bottom line, Worthy said, is that “sexual assault is not taken as seriously as other crimes.” That — more than any offensive words — is the real scandal.

Kamala Harris, the attorney general of California, eliminated the rape kit backlog in state crime labs after she took office. “If you don’t test it, you’ve got a victim who is absolutely petrified, and you’ve got a rapist who thinks he got away with it,” she said. “There could be nothing worse as a continuing threat to public safety.”

The lackadaisical attitude toward much sexual violence is seen in another astonishing fact: Sometimes, women or their health insurance companies must pay to have their rape kits tested.

“No other forensic evidence collection is treated in this way,” said Sarah Tofte of the Joyful Heart Foundation, which has focused attention on the rape kit backlog. If her home is broken into, she notes, the police won’t bill her or her homeowner’s insurance company “for the cost of dusting for fingerprints.”

Yet another indication of cavalier attitudes: In 31 states, if a rape

leads to a baby, the rapist can get visitation rights. That doesn’t happen often, but the issue does come up. In Massachusetts, a convicted rapist is suing for access to the child he fathered when he raped a 14-year-old girl. One way to start turning around this backward approach to sex crimes would be to support the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry (Safer) Act, a bipartisan bill in Congress that would help local jurisdictions count and test their rape kits.

According to data from the Department of Justice, one person in the United States is sexually assaulted every couple of minutes. A slight majority of rapes are never reported to the police, and others are never solved. For every 100 rapes, only three lead to any jail time for the rapist, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

There has been plenty of outrage this year, justifiably, at the Catholic Church, the Boy Scouts and Penn State for averting their eyes from sexual abuse of children. Yet America as a whole typically does the same thing when it comes to the trafficking of teenage girls by pimps, which amounts to rape many times a day. The police often treat those girls as criminals, rather than victims, even as the pimps get away. These problems are not insoluble, and we are seeing progress. Some prosecutors are going after pimps in a serious way, and according to surveys, sexual assault has fallen by 60 percent over the last couple of decades. Even the furor over the comments by Senate candidates shows that times are changing.

So, sure, let’s pounce on politicians who say outrageous things. But even more, let’s push to end outrageous policies. Routine testing of rape kits would be a good start.

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European fashion buyers look to Nigeria



Models displays creations by designer Obsidian, during the MTN Fashion and Design Week in Lagos, Nigeria, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012.

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

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Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — A model struts the runway wearing a flowing newspaper print gown in this African megacity where international high-end fashion buyers are looking beyond the country's bleak headlines to uncover the next new thing. There have been steady efforts to turn Lagos, a city with a fearsome reputation, into a fashion destination. They reached new heights at the MTN Lagos Fashion & Design Week that ran from Oct. 24 to 27 and drew European high-fashion brands such as the United Kingdom's Selfridges & Co. and Munich-based MyTheresa.com to Nigeria for the first time. Ituen Basi's newspaper inspired Spring/Summer 2013 collection was among 39 collections spotlighted at the city's latest major fashion week. The Nigerian label's collection evoked fun and glamour through its use of print and color — characteristics which have come to define the vibrant local fashion scene.

With local brands seeking wider platforms and international retailers hungry for novelty, designers and

buyers see opportunities for collaboration.

"There's something about the fresh, the unknown, the possibility of seeing a new brand springing forth into the limelight. ... These are becoming interesting to people outside Nigeria," said Omoyemi Akerele, the fashion week's founder and creative director.

An encouraging response to African-inspired designs by top Western labels gives buyers confidence that designs straight from the continent will also sell.

"Over the past few seasons, there's been a strong trend for print," said Bruno Barba, the brand public relations manager at Selfridges. "If you look at the collection of Burberry inspired by Africa last year; there was also Vivienne Westwood, Paul Smith. ... They've made that inspiration quite mainstream now. So, for us, it was interesting to take that trend and take it from its roots in Africa."

Online retailer MyTheresa.com, which ships top designers' clothes including Miu Miu, Givenchy, Lanvin and Isabel Meron to clients in 120 different countries, is also looking for products in Nigeria that will sell well. The company hopes that will

set it apart from the competition in a fast-paced industry.

"For me, Nigeria represents

a fun individualism," the company's buying director Justin O'Shea said. He also said that MyTheresa.com was looking to work closely with designers and adapt products for their clientele if needed.

Previously, several Nigerian designers have helped put the West African nation on the global fashion map.

Deola Sagoe has gained recognition from U.S. Vogue editor Andre Leon Talley and Oprah Winfrey. London-based Duro Olowu is considered one of Michelle Obama's favorite designers. Maki Oh has dressed American singer Solange Knowles and Hollywood actress Leelee Sobieski from her Lagos workshop. Jewel By Lisa, who has also dressed celebrities, designed limited edition BlackBerry mobile phone skins and jeweled cases for Canadian manufacturer Research In Motion Ltd.

While looking to Nigeria

could bring much-needed novelty to clothes targeted to global audiences, it could also endear a Nigerian clientele. Though the majority of the nation lives on less than \$2 a day, the nation's wealthy elite have a growing appetite for top-shelf brands. Luxury goods stores are increasingly opening in a country where seemingly gratuitous displays of wealth are the norm.

"Nigerians are part of our Top 10 highest-spending foreign customers," Barba said. "It felt right for us to try and find a response that would appeal to them, excite them and be over and above what they already buy, almost as a recognition that they're an important part of our consumer base." Fashion week after fashion week, Lisa Folawiyi, the creative director of Jewel By Lisa, is a consistent Nigerian designer. She recently started retailing at the New York-based online luxury store Moda Operandi and continues to draw attention from international buyers and labels looking for a modern interpretation of African style.

Her Spring/Summer 2013 collection is named "Fula" after the Fulani women it draws inspiration from. The Fulani are a nomadic people spread across several African countries, including Nigeria. Their women typically have fine traits and slender frames, not unlike the models that took to the catwalk with soundtrack that crossed the high-pitched melody of the African guitar and the heavy bass of house music.

The Jewel by Lisa collection turned traditional loop earrings into a motif that repeated itself throughout her satin fabrics across stunning color combinations.

Anita Quansah London is a prolific one-woman operation based in a London workshop. The Ghanaian-Nigerian designer describes her work as a "labor of love." She sells to a global market including Asians and Europeans. □



A model shows a creation by designer Eki Orleans during the MTN Fashion and Design Week in Lagos, Nigeria, Friday, Oct. 26, 2012.

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)